

MEDINA CITY COUNCIL
June 9th, 2014, Regular Session

Opening:

Medina City Council met in regular, open session on Monday June 9th, 2014. The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by President of Council John Coyne who 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, B. Hilberg, M. Kolesar, and B. Lamb.

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

Minutes:

Mr. Shields moved that the minutes from the May 27th, 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, B. Hilberg, M. Kolesar, B. Lamb and P. Rose.

Reports of Standing Committees:

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

Health, Safety & Sanitation Committee: Mr. Rose has a meeting scheduled for June 6/10/14 at 5:30 p.m. in the multipurpose room to discuss police department reorganization and sanitation rates.

Public Properties Committee: Mr. Shields had no report and no meeting scheduled.

Special Legislation Committee: Mr. Lamb announced he will be scheduling meeting sometime in September.

Streets & Sidewalks Committee: Mr. Simpson stated a meeting was held today prior to the Finance Committee to discuss curb installation.

Water & Utilities Committee: Mr. Kolesar stated there is one item on the agenda this evening in reference to a water rate increase.

Requests for Council Action:

Finance Committee

14-124-6/9 – Adopt Downtown Strategic Plan

14-125-6/9 – Uptown Park Sound System Upgrades and Fees

14-126-6/9 – Budget Amendments

14-127-6/9 – Amend. Revocable Use Permit – Dominic's

14-128-6/9 – Fair Market Value Estimates (FMVE) – West Smith Reconstruction

Reports of Municipal Officers:

Dennis Hanwell, Mayor, reported the following:

1. New City Website- Some adjustments still being made and information uploaded, but please, let us know of any concerns or suggestions. Daily more information is added.
2. On Friday we had a large banner for the boil alert for the Southeast sector of Medina. Memorial Day week we had the trash schedule posted as well.
3. The Friday night Band Concerts kicked off this past Friday and will go every Friday in June and July starting at 8:30 p.m. This Friday night the 13th will be a special Flag Day Concert at 8:30 p.m. Parking is prohibited in the parking lot on north side of Second Sole and by Lager & Vine area. We are trying to encourage people to avoid the private lots.
4. The Medina County Veterans Hall Capital Campaign is having some Dining for Veterans Events and a portion of proceeds go towards renovations in the Hall on North Broadway St. The next two events are June 23rd at Buffalo Wild Wings 11 a.m. – 11 p.m. with 20% of proceeds going toward the campaign. July 8th at Sully's Irish Pub 3 p.m. -11 p.m. 10% of proceeds going toward the campaign.
5. I would like to congratulate Police Chief Berarducci for being selected as the Key Note speaker for the Ohio State Highway Patrol Basic Academy Graduation for patrol officers. We have two patrol officers down there right now. The graduation is Friday, June 27th. Berarducci was also selected as one of 30 Law Enforcement Executives in our country to take part in the International Association of Chiefs of Police in the MacArthur Foundation Law Enforcement Leadership Institute on Juvenile Justice. This Institute will provide a broad emersion into cutting edge concepts in order to effectively lead juvenile justice reform and collaboration and that event is Sept 15th – 19th. The IACP is paying for all travel, hotel accommodations and needs of attendees there.

Keith Dirham, Finance Director, stated the Finance Department has been working on the budgets. There are a number of items on the agenda tonight that came from finance that we will have input on. The tax budget will be at the next finance committee meeting. Mr. Dirham stated he will be speaking to the Ohio Association of Public Treasurers in Sandusky on Tuesday and the rest of the week he will be in Bowling Green, Ohio as a volunteer at the American Legion of Buckeye Boy State Program.

Greg Huber, Law Director, had no report.

Chief Berarducci, Police Chief, had no report.

Kimberly Rice, Economic Development Director, reported the next Economic Development Committee meeting is tomorrow morning 7:45 a.m. at City Hall and our guest speaker is Patrick Patton our City Engineer who is going to talk about water infrastructure improvements.

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Jonathon Mendel, Planning Community Development Director, reported the Boards and Commissions meeting is this Thursday, June 12th at 5 p.m. in the multi-purpose room.

Chief Painter, Fire Chief, had no report.

Jansen Wehrley, Parks and Recreation Director, stated that last week they completed their spring tree planting on Timber Trail, Old Farm Trail, Jasper Lane and various other locations totaling 108 trees planted replacing the ash trees. This weekend is the Medina Invitational Soccer Tournament. There will be traffic control on Route 3 to help during the event. Mr. Wehrley asked for patience from the residents as they attempt to work through some issues at the Splash Pad in Ray Mellert Park. The Pizza Palooza is on the Square this Saturday 8 a.m.-1:30 p.m.

Patrick Patton, City Engineer, reported the following: This afternoon at the BOC they elected to award a contract to Tri-Mor Construction for the Gunnison Street Reconstruction. This project should be completed by early fall.

Nino Picolli, Service Director, reported they are cleaning and repairing inlet basins throughout the city. Crews are still patching defected areas within the streets. We sent/made contact with 40+ property owners with respect to high grass complaints. Happy Birthday to our City Engineer Patrick Patton on Friday who is turning 50!

Notices, Communications and Petitions: There were none.

Unfinished Business: There was none.

Introduction of Visitors: There were none.

Introduction and Consideration of Ordinances and Resolutions:

Ord. 98-14:

An Ordinance amending Section 917.04 of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Medina, Ohio relative to Water Rates. Mr. Shields moved for the adoption of Ordinance/Resolution No. 98-14, seconded by Mr. Simpson. Mr. Kolesar stated this recommendation stems from Utility Rate Review and their recommendation was a 5% increase to our water consumption rates. We've tried to be consistent with our increases to somewhat reflect the increases we get from Avon Lake. We had an increase of 3% in January this year and because of some situations with increases from Avon Lake of 4.7% and an unanticipated capital improvement to Spieth Rd. storage tanks and running a thin budget, we need the increase. In addition, there will be another increase in January 2015 of another 4.6%. The roll was called and Ordinance/Resolution No. 98-14 passed by the yeas of D. Simpson, J. Coyne, B. Hilberg, M. Kolesar, B. Lamb, P. Rose, and J. Shields.

Res. 99-14:

A Resolution of the Council of the City of Medina, Medina County, and State of 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 this

obligation according to the attached sheet(s). Mr. Shields moved for the adoption of Ordinance/Resolution No. 99-14, seconded by Mr. Simpson. Mr. Shields moved that the emergency clause be added to Ordinance/Resolution No. 99-14, seconded by Mr. Simpson. Mr. Dirham stated this is for the health risk assessments. The work has been done and payment is needed and we ask for the emergency clause. The roll was called on adding the emergency clause and was approved by the yea votes of P. Rose, J. Shields, D. Simpson, J. Coyne, B. Hilberg, M. Kolesar, and B. Lamb. The roll was called and Ordinance/Resolution No. 99-14 passed by the yea votes of J. Coyne, B. Hilberg, M. Kolesar, B. Lamb, P. Rose, J. Shields, and D. Simpson.

Ord. 100-14:

An Ordinance amending Ordinance No. 108-11, passed July 11, 2011, relative to the Agreement with Rea & Associates, Inc. for the preparation of the annual audit for the City of Medina. Mr. Shields moved for the adoption of Ordinance/Resolution No. 100-14, seconded by Mr. Simpson. Mr. Shields moved that the emergency clause be added to Ordinance/Resolution No. 100-14, seconded by Mr. Simpson. Mr. Dirham stated the change on the audit is because this year we had two major federal programs and under federal statues you have to have an audit when you have federal programs and we do but ordinarily we only have one major federal program. The programs are the Brownfields and the CDBG. Emergency clause is needed so we can wrap up the audit and they can't do the work until it is approved. 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, D. Simpson, J. Coyne, and B. Hilberg. The roll was called and Ordinance/Resolution No. 100-14 passed by the yea votes of B. Hilberg, M. Kolesar, B. Lamb, P. Rose, J. Shields, D. Simpson, and J. Coyne.

Res. 101-14:

A Resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute an Economic Development (TREX) Transfer Form from the Division of Liquor Control for the property located at 221 S. Court Street.

Mr. Shields moved for the adoption of Ordinance/Resolution No. 101-14, seconded by Mr. Simpson. Kimberly Rice stated Whitney Harris is in the process of purchasing the 221 S. Court building. She is looking to establish a wine bar/retail store there and the City is out of D-1 and D-2 liquor permits. She has located a D-1, D-2, D-3 combined permit in Mahoning County for sale and would like the transfer of the permit for economic development project. This building has sat vacant for over a year now. She will be converting the upstairs to office space. Whitney is very excited about the community and feels her business will fit perfectly. Mr. Huber reviewed the form and found no issues. The roll was called and Ordinance/Resolution No. 101-14 passed by the yea votes of B. Lamb, P. Rose, J. Shields, D. Simpson, J. Coyne, B. Hilberg, and M. Kolesar.

Res. 102-14:

A Resolution declaring it necessary to levy a renewal of an existing tax of 2.2 mills in excess of the ten mill limitation for the operation of an Ambulance and Emergency Medical Service.

Mr. Shields moved for the adoption of Ordinance/Resolution No. 102-14, seconded by Mr. Kolesar. Mr. Dirham stated because it is a renewal it's not an increase in the tax, currently the State of Ohio is phasing out the Homestead exemptions and roll backs but will still be honored for existing levy's, a renewal counts as an existing levy. The roll was called and Ordinance/Resolution No. 102-14 passed by the yea votes of P. Rose, J. Shields, J. Coyne, B. Hilberg, M. Kolesar, and B. Lamb. D. Simpson abstained.

Ord. 103-14:

An Ordinance authorizing the Mayor to solicit Request for Qualifications for architectural design services for the Medina Municipal Courthouse. Mr. Shields moved for the adoption of Ordinance/Resolution No. 103-14, seconded by Mr. Simpson. Mr. Coyne stated the first step is to request for qualifications for the design services then we can move to the second step of selecting an architect. Mr. Kolesar explained his vote and is not excited on the site specific and location of the Municipal Court and cost. Mr. Lamb stated his vote is no due to not be convinced that the projected cost is acceptable. The roll was called and Ordinance/Resolution No. 103-14 passed by the yea votes of J. Shields, D. Simpson, J. Coyne, B. Hilberg and P. Rose. M. Kolesar and B. Lamb cast a nay vote.

Ord. 104-14:

An Ordinance authorizing the purchase of three (3) 2015 Ford Utility Police Interceptors from Statewide Ford for the Police Department. Mr. Shields moved for the adoption of Ordinance/Resolution No. 104-14, seconded by Mr. Simpson. Chief Berarducci explained this is a continuation of the refurbishment of the Police fleet. We are getting down to the wire with our old Crown Vic's most of them have over 100,000 miles. The reason for going with the bigger vehicles is for more space/room for our officers and they allow us better access to all our equipment. The roll was called and Ordinance/Resolution No. 104-14 passed by the yea votes of D. Simpson, J. Coyne, B. Hilberg, M. Kolesar, B. Lamb, P. Rose, and J. Shields.

Ord. 105-14:

An Ordinance authorizing an expenditure to Priority Dispatch for an add-on enhancement to the Computer Aided Dispatch System for the Police Department Communications Center. Mr. Shields moved for the adoption of Ordinance/Resolution No. 105-14, seconded by Mr. Simpson. Chief Berarducci stated this is a second in a three part enhancement to our dispatch system and will enable a dispatcher to have a script to follow during the taking of call. It automates the transmission of the data. It is a much more efficient way of doing business. The roll was called and Ordinance/Resolution No. 105-14 passed by the yea votes of J. Coyne, B. Hilberg, M. Kolesar, B. Lamb, P. Rose, J. Shields, and D. Simpson.

Ord. 106-14:

An Ordinance authorizing the Clerk of Court to solicit Requests for Proposals (RFP's) for new Case Management software for the Medina Municipal Court. Mr. Shields moved for the adoption of Ordinance/Resolution No. 106-14, seconded by Mr. Simpson. Mr. Shields moved that the emergency clause be added to Ordinance/Resolution No. 106-14, seconded by Mr. Simpson. Mr. Coyne stated this came from the Clerk of Court. The system they now use is outdated. The roll was called on adding the emergency clause and was approved by the yea votes of M. Kolesar, P. Rose, J. Shields, D. Simpson and J. Coyne. B. Lamb and Brian Hilberg cast a nay vote. The roll was called and Ordinance/Resolution No. 106-14 passed by the yea votes of B. Hilberg, M. Kolesar, B. Lamb, P. Rose, J. Shields, D. Simpson, and J. Coyne.

Ord. 107-14:

An Ordinance amending Ordinance No. 157-11, passed November 14, 2011, relative to an

addendum to the Master Service Agreement with Emergitech, Inc. pertaining to the PROQA Priority Dispatch Interface for the Police Department. Mr. Shields moved for the adoption of Ordinance/Resolution No. 107-14, seconded by Mr. Simpson. Chief Berarducci explained the interface is the software component between Pro QA and Emergitech that we have in place. We have one for the emergency medical and this will allow one for the Police Department. At some point we want to do the Fire Department as well. The roll was called and Ordinance/Resolution No. 107-14 passed by the yea votes of B. Lamb, P. Rose, J. Shields, D. Simpson, J. Coyne, B. Hilberg, and M. Kolesar.

Council Comments:

Mr. Simpson wished Patrick Patton a Happy Birthday! He congratulated Chief Berarducci on being selected for being a key note speaker. He also thanked all the City departments that dealt with the heavy rains and flooding situations we had here in the City.

Mr. Hilberg stated the Splash Pad at Ray Mellert Park opened May 29th and they celebrated the Grand Opening this past Thursday with a cookout and he would like to thank the administration, especially Sandy Davis and Jansen Wehrley for helping host. Thank you to the Mayor for cooking the hot dogs and Nino Piccoli for just eating the hot dogs. Thank you to the kids and their families for coming out.

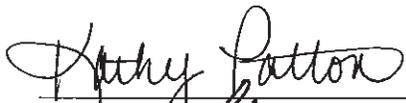
The second annual Ward 1 community block party is scheduled for Sunday, July 13th 2-6 p.m. being held at Ray Mellert Park. This is a free family event for the residents, businesses and organizations in Ward 1. Most of the activities will be held closer to the Huntington Street side. Parking will be available on Miner Dr. If anyone knows of anybody that would like to be a sponsor they can contact me 330-416-1692 or email at bhilberg@medinaoh.org thank you.

Mr. Kolesar stated he will do the Champion Creek Stream clean up in the fall this year. He reminded residents that when you are out working in your yard or cutting grass please clean up any grass that may have blown into the streets. When it goes into our storm sewers it clogs up our catch basins that we use tax payer money to go out and have to clean up.

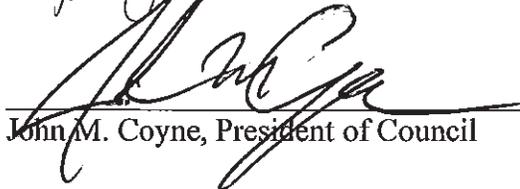
Mr. Coyne announced on Wednesday, June 18th there is a budget hearing, and the next Council Meeting is on June 23rd.

Adjournment:

There being no further business before Council, the meeting adjourned at 8:13 p.m.



Kathy Patton, Clerk of Council



John M. Coyne, President of Council