

MEDINA CITY COUNCIL
July 14, 2014, Regular Session

Public Hearing:

Concerning the proposed 2015 tax budget for the City of Medina.

Mr. Coyne asked if anyone wished to speak in favor of the 2015 proposed tax budget. Finance Director Keith Dirham explained this is something we are required to do each year.

Mr. Coyne asked if anyone wished to speak against the proposed 2015 tax budget. No response.

Mr. Coyne closed the public hearing at 7:32 p.m.

Opening:

Medina City Council met in regular, open session on Monday July 14th, 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, Mike Wright and Kimberly Rice.

Minutes:

Mr. Shields moved that the minutes from the June 23rd, 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 was the last meeting due to break and will resume on August 25th.

Health, Safety & Sanitation Committee: Mr. Rose has a meeting scheduled for June 7/15/14 at 5:30 p.m. in the multipurpose room to discuss police department reorganization.

Public Properties Committee: Mr. Shields reported tentatively setting meeting for Monday, July 21st at 5:30 p.m.

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

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

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

Requests for Council Action:

Finance Committee

- 14-141-7/14 – Budget Amendments
- 14-142-7/14 – Increase P.O. 2014-000940 – Arnold Masonry
- 14-143-7/14 – Transfer 529 W. Friendship Property to CIC
- 14-144-7/14 – Bids, Public Square Restrooms & Visitor's Center
- 14-146-7/14 – Job Creation Grant – Discount Drug Mart

Public Properties Committee

- 14-145-7/14 – Bids, Spring Grove Cemetery Maint. Bldg. / Lease Agreement

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) Friday Night Band Concerts- Public Square on Friday nights in July starting at 8:30 p.m. Parking is prohibited and posted as tow away zone for private lots on north side of Second Sole, Eli's, Marie's Café, Lager and Vine and Four Ladies and more... It is also prohibited between Lager and Vine and Four Ladies and more. Please use street parking, County Administration Bldg., court lots, as well as any city lots, city hall, and/or Medina Municipal Court.
- 3) Art in the Park - Sunday, July 20 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.; International Festival is Saturday, August 23rd from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Hope to see you all there.
- 4) Proclamation for Robert J. Grey for his heroic acts on June 21st as he bravely recognized an emergency situation when Brendan Federinko was struck by a vehicle as he was crossing the street. Robert pulled his vehicle into the intersection blocking traffic that was traveling towards Brendan, removed his shirt to cover Brendan's injured leg because of extensive injuries, he then moved him out of the road and applied pressure on his wound directing a bystander to call 9-1-1.

Keith Dirham, Finance Director, stated the Finance Department has been working on the budgets with other departments and Council. Sanitation rates are on the agenda this week and a few other items that we will address this evening.

Greg Huber, Law Director, had no report.

Chief Berarducci, Police Chief, had no report.

Kimberly Rice, Economic Development Director, had no report.

Jonathon Mendel, Planning Community, had no report.

Chief Painter, Fire Chief, had no report.

Mike Wright, Recreation Center Director, reported the MCRC will be shut down for five days for the yearly maintenance on July 28th thru August 1st, same week as the Medina County Fair. The rec's Summer Camp Program for kids ages 5 to 12 is in week 7 of 11 with countless activities for all including field trips and the program ends the week of August 11th through the 15th. Sign up for one week or multiple weeks, we offer multiple kid discounts. Hours for camp are Mon. – Fri. 8 a.m. – 5 p.m., offering early morning drop off and after 5 p.m. pick up. Check out our website for more info. www.medinarec.org or call 330-721-6901. Our next Rec. Center Advisory Board meeting is July 17th.

Jansen Wehrley, Parks and Recreation Director, reminded residents to be patient with our Splash Pads, occasionally we do experience some difficulties. We have staff on call and will get to them as soon as possible. Our Forestry Department continues to remove dying and declining Ash trees throughout town. You will receive a door hanger notification if your city tree is going to be removed. Go to our city website to be directed to our Forestry Department or find information regarding Emerald Ash Borer or other tree care facts.

Patrick Patton, City Engineer, This morning ODOT started their project resurfacing State Routes 42 and 3. Rt. 42 will extend from the city limits west of Lake Rd. to Court St. and up Court St. to Highland. Rt. 3 will extend from the square to Weymouth Rd. to the city limits. Milling has been started on Weymouth near Reagan and will continue for a couple months. We will have weekly updates on our city website and Facebook page as to what and where work is being done. The Gunnison Ct. reconstruction project will start this week replacing concrete pavement as well as waterlines and storm sewers.

Nino Picolli, Service Director, reported they are working to repair storm sewer problems in the current system as well as addressing the many flooded property complaints we have received since the May 12th storm. Reminder: when mowing grass and tree lawns do not blow grass clippings in the street it can cause the street grates to become plugged causing rain to flood the streets.

Mayoral appointments.

Planning Commission (Alternate) – Dave Edmonds, expiring 12/31/15

Mr. Shields moved to approve Dave Edmonds as Planning Commission Alternate, seconded by Mr. Simpson. The roll was called and approved by the yea votes of D. Simpson, J. Coyne, B. Hilberg, M. Kolesar, B. Lamb, P. Rose, and J. Shields.

City of Medina Building Official – Dan Gladish

Mr. Shields moved to approve the Mayor's appointment of the Building Official, seconded by Mr. Simpson. The roll was called and approved by the yea votes of J. Coyne, B. Hilberg, M. Kolesar, B. Lamb, P. Rose, J. Shields, and D. Simpson.

Notices, Communications and Petitions: There were none.

Unfinished Business: There was none.

Introduction of Visitors:

Tim Pope from the Ohio Government Finance Affairs Finance Officers Association was here to present an award to the City's Finance Director Keith Dirham. This is a certificate of achievement for excellence in financial reporting to the City of Medina. The purpose of the program is to encourage and assist governments to prepare financial reports at the highest quality for the benefit of the citizens and other parties with a vital interest in government finances. To earn this certificate, the City had to substantially conform to programs demanding criteria which go beyond the minimum requirements of generally accepted accounting principles. Program participants submit copies of their comprehensive annual financial report to the Certificate of Achievement Program for an in-depth review and evaluation by two members selected from the impartial panel of government finance officers, independent certified public accountants, educators and others with specialized expertise and experience in governmental accounting and financial reporting. This is not the first time the City of Medina has received this honor, rather today's presentation marks the 5th consecutive year that the city has received this certificate of achievement. Such a record reflects professionalism and commitment of numerous individuals as well as many hours of hard work, reflecting a high degree of dedication and leadership on the part of the Finance Director, Mayor and City Council. We hope this award will serve as an example to encourage others to strive for the same high standards in their own financial reports. Congratulations.

Beth Bugner from 1005 Lakeshore Walk presented on behalf of Medina County Road Runners, the race committee, her co-race director Ron Ross and Bob McCorney who came here tonight to thank the Mayor, Council, Administration and employees. The Medina Half Marathon was held on May 31st starting and ending in our square. Beth thanked Mayor Hanwell for starting the race off and for his support and your enthusiasm. Thank you to Dawn Conwill for working with us on matters concerning connecting the city with our event. We want to thank the Medina City Police Dept., Medina Township and Montville as well. Our runners felt the love of our town on race day and were blessed to have had our event run down the streets of our neighbors. Our event had 942 runners cross the finish line. Our 5K had just under 400 runners. Thank you to the local businesses that helped make this possible, all the volunteers and local elementary schools on their cheering competitions for our runners.

Ron Ross spoke of this event being a huge collaboration involving many people in this room and as this event grows we will learn from any mistakes and continue to learn and make it better. There was 16 states represented in our 2nd year.

Cynthia Danielson from 147 W. North Street stated she has an issue with the sidewalk there and has been trying to rectify it for about a year and a half now and needs answers. Mr. Coyne asked her to stay until the end of the meeting to discuss the issue with Mr. Huber.

Introduction and Consideration of Ordinances and Resolutions:

Ord. 113-14:

An Ordinance amending Section 941.06(B) of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Medina, Ohio relative to increasing Residential Sanitation Collection Rates. Mr. Shields moved for the adoption of Ordinance/Resolution No. 113-14, seconded by Mr. Simpson. Mr. Rose stated these rates will go into effect October 1st as was recommended by the Utility Rate Review Commission. They originally recommended an increase from \$14 to \$17 but in light of the recent water increases and some issues with the central processing facility, we felt \$16 was more manageable. We will revisit these numbers again in January and adjust accordingly. The roll was called and Ordinance/Resolution No. 113-14 passed by the yea votes of B. Hilberg, M. Kolesar, B. Lamb, P. Rose, J. Shields, D. Simpson, and J. Coyne.

Res. 114-14:

A Resolution adopting the Tax Budget of the City of Medina, Ohio for the fiscal year beginning January 1, 2015 and submitting the same to the Medina County Auditor. Mr. Shields moved for the adoption of Ordinance/Resolution No. 114-14, seconded by Mr. Simpson. Mr. Dirham states this is the process for the budget that we pass every year. The roll was called and Ordinance/Resolution No. 114-14 passed by the yea votes of M. Kolesar, B. Lamb, P. Rose, J. Shields, D. Simpson, J. Coyne, and B. Hilberg.

Res. 115-14:

A Resolution donating thirty (30) Dell Computers to the Medina City Schools. Mr. Shields moved for the adoption of Ordinance/Resolution No. 115-14, seconded by Mr. Simpson. Mayor Hanwell stated these are computers that are three to five years old and within the replacement schedule of the city and additionally they have Windows XP an outdated operating system that was no longer supported after the first quarter of this year. They are still of value and use to the schools. Mr. Shields will be abstaining due to the fact that this benefits his employer. The roll was called and Ordinance/Resolution No. 115-14 passed by the yea votes of B. Lamb, P. Rose, D. Simpson, J. Coyne, B. Hilberg, and M. Kolesar. J. Shields abstained.

Res. 116-14:

A Resolution extending the Intensive Supervision Probation Grant for the Medina Municipal Court through the fiscal year 2015. Mr. Shields moved for the adoption of Ordinance/Resolution No. 116-14, seconded by Mr. Simpson. Mr. Shields moved that the emergency clause be added to Ordinance/Resolution No. 116-14, seconded by Mr. Simpson. Mr. Dirham explained this is a grant that the court receives every year and the reason for the emergency clause is that the way the grant works they don't get the information until they are too close to the time that it takes effect. The roll was called on adding the emergency clause and was approved by the yea votes of J. Shields, D. Simpson, J. Coyne, B. Hilberg, M. Kolesar, B. Lamb and P. Rose. The roll was called and Ordinance/Resolution No. 116-14 passed by the yea votes of P. Rose, J. Shields, D. Simpson, J. Coyne, B. Hilberg, M. Kolesar, and B. Lamb.

Ord. 117-14:

An Ordinance authorizing the Mayor to enter into an Agreement with Medina United Methodist Church and Mark Klaus, LLC for the lease of parking lot areas located on South Court Street. Mr. Shields moved for the adoption of Ordinance/Resolution No. 117-14, seconded

by Mr. Simpson. Mayor Hanwell stated this is the second time entering into a lease to open up the United Methodist Church parking lot at the corner of S. Court and W. Smith Rd. for public events. It's not being used by Mr. Klaus and his events which are more in the Christmas Season and it gives us the benefit throughout the other 9 to 10 months of the year of using it in exchange for the city doing the plowing and snow clearing with basic maintenance to keep it usable. There is no exchange of money and it's a one year term. The roll was called and Ordinance/Resolution No. 117-14 passed by the yea votes of D. Simpson, J. Coyne, B. Hilberg, M. Kolesar, B. Lamb, P. Rose, and J. Shields.

Ord. 118-14:

An Ordinance authorizing the purchase of one (1) 2015 Ford Transit Van and one (1) 2014 Ford F-150 Truck from Montrose Ford to be used by the Fire Department. Mr. Shields moved for the adoption of Ordinance/Resolution No. 118-14, seconded by Mr. Simpson. Chief Painter explained that these two vehicles will be replacing a 1995 Ford Van and a 1996 Pickup truck which are at the end of their serviceable life. We did use the school cooperative purchase program to purchase these. The roll was called and Ordinance/Resolution No. 118-14 passed by the yea votes of J. Coyne, B. Hilberg, M. Kolesar, B. Lamb, P. Rose, J. Shields, and D. Simpson.

Ord. 119-14:

An Ordinance authorizing the Mayor to advertise for competitive bids and to award a contract to the successful bidder for the purchase of one (1) Rear Loading Packer Truck complete with Cab and Chassis for the Sanitary Department. Mr. Shields moved for the adoption of Ordinance/Resolution No. 119-14, seconded by Mr. Simpson. Mr. Piccoli stated this is a replacement garbage truck that is 14 years old and has almost 15,000 hours on it. The roll was called and Ordinance/Resolution No. 119-14 passed by the yea votes of B. Hilberg, M. Kolesar, B. Lamb, P. Rose, J. Shields, D. Simpson, and J. Coyne.

Ord. 120-14:

An Ordinance amending Section 31.05 and 31.07 of the Salaries and Benefits Code of the City of Medina, Ohio relative to the Community Development Department and accepting the revised Job Description of Building Official. Mr. Shields moved for the adoption of Ordinance/Resolution No. 120-14, seconded by Mr. Simpson. Mr. Shields moved that the emergency clause be added to Ordinance/Resolution No. 120-14, seconded by Mr. Simpson. Mayor Hanwell stated since our Building Official left last December we've been without a Building Official and Council authorized at the beginning of the meeting to name a Building Official and what this does is revise the job description because this Building Official has many more certifications that will be beneficial to both the Water Department and backflow and Engineering Dept. and storm water management. Amending the pay from 112 to 113 is in relation to those extra certifications. We would like this individual to start with us on August 1st and that is why we are requesting the emergency clause. The roll was called on adding the emergency clause and was approved by the yea votes of B. Lamb, P. Rose, J. Shields, D. Simpson, J. Coyne, B. Hilberg, and M. Kolesar. The roll was called and Ordinance/Resolution No. 120-14 passed by the yea votes of M. Kolesar, B. Lamb, P. Rose, J. Shields, D. Simpson, J. Coyne, and B. Hilberg.

Ord. 121-14:

An Ordinance authorizing the Mayor to advertise for competitive bids and to award a contract to the successful bidder for the 2014 Residential Drainage Improvement Project. Mr. Shields moved for the adoption of Ordinance/Resolution No. 121-14, seconded by Mr. Simpson. Mr. Patton stated this is an annual project started several years ago to address smaller drainage issues in our residential areas. This year we have five locations and are asking for \$35,000. The roll was called and Ordinance/Resolution No. 121-14 passed by the yea votes of P. Rose, J. Shields, D. Simpson, J. Coyne, B. Hilberg, M. Kolesar, and B. Lamb.

Ord. 122-14:

An Ordinance authorizing the Mayor to accept two (2) easements necessary for the Forest Meadows Drainage Improvements Project. Mr. Shields moved for the adoption of Ordinance/Resolution No. 122-14, seconded by Mr. Simpson. Mr. Patton stated there is some work to be done on Wildwood Dr. that is on private property and these are easements on two of the property owners. The roll was called and Ordinance/Resolution No. 122-14 passed by the yea votes of J. Shields, D. Simpson, J. Coyne, B. Hilberg, M. Kolesar, B. Lamb and P. Rose.

Res.123-14:

A Resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute an Economic Development (TRES) Transfer Form from the Division of Liquor Control pertaining to the property located at 1132 N. Court Street. Mr. Shields moved for the adoption of Ordinance/Resolution No. 123-14, seconded by Mr. Simpson. Ms. Rice stated this resolution authorizes the Mayor to sign off on the form to transfer the liquor permits from Cuyahoga County for the new Japanese Restaurant called Tokyo Inc. at 1132 N. Court St. He is leasing space there and in the process of renovating it. Approximately \$200,000 investment and initially 6 to 8 new jobs. The roll was called and Ordinance/Resolution No. 123-14 passed by the yea votes of D. Simpson, J. Coyne, B. Hilberg, M. Kolesar, B. Lamb, P. Rose, and J. Shields.

Ord. 124-14:

An Ordinance authorizing the increase of the expenditure to Kokosing Materials from \$21,000.00 to \$35,000.00 for the Service Department. Mr. Shields moved for the adoption of Ordinance/Resolution No. 124-14, seconded by Mr. Simpson. Mr. Shields moved that the emergency clause be added to Ordinance/Resolution No. 124-14, seconded by Mr. Simpson. Mr. Piccoli stated the emergency clause is due to the approval process. We currently have \$1,450 left on our P.O. We are asking for the increase as we need to purchase more asphalt in the coming weeks. We use this material year round for temporary and permanent patching of our city streets. The roll was called on adding the emergency clause and was approved by the yea votes of B. Hilberg, B. Lamb, P. Rose, J. Shields, D. Simpson, and J. Coyne. The roll was called and Ordinance/Resolution No. 124-14 passed by the yea votes of J. Coyne, B. Hilberg, B. Lamb, P. Rose, J. Shields, and D. Simpson. (1) Mark Kolesar (conflict of interest)

Ord. 125-14:

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. 125-14, seconded by Mr. Simpson. Mr. Dirham explained the first three are for snow removal as

we discussed at the finance meeting earlier. Number 4 is for residential drainage project and the fifth one is a check from Medina Lacrosse which we received the check and need to appropriate in order to be able to spend it. The last one is a transfer for the tap into the sewer system for the weigh station. The roll was called and Ordinance/Resolution No. 125-14 passed by the yea votes of M. Kolesar, B. Lamb, P. Rose, J. Shields, D. Simpson, J. Coyne, and B. Hilberg.

Ord. 126-14:

An Ordinance authorizing the expenditure of not to exceed \$14,000.00 to Securitec for the purchase and installation of an amplifier and speaker system for the Uptown Park. Mr. Shields moved for the adoption of Ordinance/Resolution No. 126-14, seconded by Mr. Simpson. Mr. Shields moved that the emergency clause be added to Ordinance/Resolution No. 126-14, seconded by Mr. Simpson. Mr. Wehrley explained this is for upgrades to the speaker system and the installation of the distributed sound system. It is a much needed improvement that will benefit all users of the square for events. The emergency is requested to expedite the installation so we can get some use out of it this summer. 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. 126-14 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 offered condolences to the Hamilton Family.

Please sign up online for the Tunnels to Towers 5K run or walk being held on Sunday, September 14th at 8 a.m., there will be representation from basically all over the country, some fire fighters and dignitaries from New York City.

The annual Life Support Team Citizens Academy is a program that you can sign up for and the number is 330-721-5015 and the classes are sometime in September. It's a program that teaches you about what your emergency medical service does for your community. It involves all the emergency services provided by the Cleveland Clinic and the City of Medina.

Mr. Hilberg stated they held the 2nd annual Ward 1 Community Block Party and wanted to thank everyone for their assistance. Based on the amount of food they went through they had close to 400 people. Thanks to Skinny Moo the band for entertainment, all the residents that showed up, Council and Kathy Patton, Keith Dirham, Pat Patton, Chief Berarducci and Jansen Wehrley for attending and the Parks Department for helping to get the park ready. The Mayor and his wife Chris helped out with the food line and grilling. Thank you to the following organizations: Cups Café, Children Center of Medina County, Mike Kovack, Medina County Help Me Grow and the Ohio regional music arts and cultural outreach. Thank you to all our very generous sponsors.

Mr. Lamb thanked Mr. Hilberg for putting on such a great event.

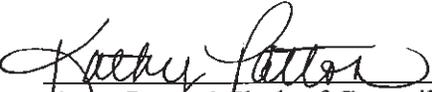
Mr. Lamb mentioned it is time again for the annual South Court St. House Tour, the 5th annual Twilight Stroll on August 9th from 5 p.m. – 9 p.m. Tickets go on sale this Saturday at Cool Beans, Miss Molly's, and the Medina County Visitors' Bureau.

He congratulated Keith Dirham on his award, and recognized Roger Smalley for being selected as Chairman of the City's Bicentennial Committee.

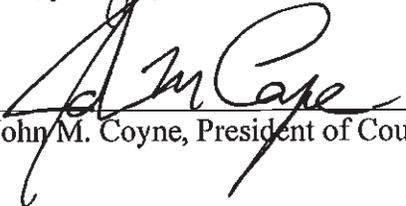
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Adjournment:

There being no further business before Council, the meeting adjourned at 8:23 p.m.



Kathy Patton, Clerk of Council



John M. Coyne, President of Council

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