

MEDINA CITY COUNCIL
August 25th, 2014, Regular Session

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 B. Hilberg, M. Kolesar, B. Lamb, P. Rose, J. Shields, D. Simpson, and J. Coyne.

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 July 14th, 2014 and the special Meeting held on July 24th, 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 M. Kolesar, B. Lamb, P. Rose, J. Shields, D. Simpson, J. Coyne, and B. Hilberg.

Reports of Standing Committees:

Finance Committee: Mr. Coyne stated Finance Committee met prior to Council this evening for a short 2 hours and 15 minute meeting.

Health, Safety & Sanitation Committee: Mr. Rose stated they met on July 15th where they agreed and passed the reorganization of the Police Dept. and will discuss at the next council meeting.

Public Properties Committee: Mr. Shields stated they met over break and discussed the Cemetery and the new buildings being located there and it was discussed tonight at Finance and it will be on a future Council Meeting.

Special Legislation Committee: Mr. Lamb plans a meeting this month.

Streets & Sidewalks Committee: Mr. Simpson stated they will have a meeting next month.

Water & Utilities Committee: Mr. Kolesar stated they will schedule a meeting late September.

Requests for Council Action:

Finance Committee

Addendum to 14-145-7/14 – Spring Grove Building Project – Lease Agreement

Addendum to 14-123-5/27 – Police Department Reorganization

14-147-8/25 – Expenditure Over \$15,000 – Epic Aviation

14-148-8/25 – Budget Amendments

14-149-8/25 – 5 Year Capital Improvement Plan - MCRC

14-150-8/25 – Then & Now – Medical Consultants for Business – Fire Dept.

14-151-8/25 – Then & Now – Borden-Perlman Insurance – Railroad

14-152-8/25 – Then & Now – Wintrow Construction – Engineering

14-153-8/25 – Income Tax Allocation Adjustment

14-154-8/25 – Authorize Expenditure – Purchase Masonic Temple

- 14-155-8/25 – Amend S&B Code – Approve Modified Job Description – Cable TV
- 14-156-8/25 – Purchase (1) 2014 Police Interceptor SUV w/equipment
- 14-157-8/25 – Purchase (1) Smeal Fire Pumper w/ Aerial Device
- 14-158-8/25 – Rerouting of Buckeye Trail through Medina
- 14-159-8/25 – Lake Medina to Reagan Parkway Trail Connector
- 14-160-8/25 – Increase P.O. 2014000646 – Residex, LLC
- 14-161-8/25 – Expenditure Over \$15,000 – Winter Equipment – Streets
- 14-162-8/25 – Submittal of Bid on CPF Contract
- 14-163-8/25 – Discussion – Place name “City of Medina” on City Water Towers
- 14-164-8/25 – 30th Anniversary Candlelight Walk Celebration
- 14-165-8/25 – Agreement w/ T&M Assoc. – Champion Creek Restoration
- 14-166-8/25 – Revocable Use Permit – 122 Public Square
- 14-167-8/25 – Rezoning Several Properties from R-3 to C-2 (W. Smith Rd.)
- 14-168-8/25 – Expenditure Over \$15,000 – Mid Ohio Concrete
- 14-169-8/25 – Spring Grove Bridge Replacement – Design Build Process
- 14-170-8/25 – Grant Application – Ohio Public Works Commission
- 14-171-8/25 – Agreement w/ HNTB-Ohio, W. Smith Rd. Reconstruction
- 14-172-8/25 – Easements (4) – Wadsworth Rd. Water Main
- 14-173-8/25 – Easements (5) – Lancaster Drive Drainage Improvements
- 14-174-8/25 – Easement (1) – Forest Meadows Drainage Improvements
- 14-178-8/25 – Amend. Ord. 127-14 – Public Square Restrooms & Visitor’s Center

Special Legislation Committee

- 14-175-8/25 – Amend Section 1147.12 of the Sign Code

Streets & Sidewalks Committee

- 14-176-8/25 – New Traffic Light at E. Sturbridge & Wadsworth Rd.
- 14-177-8/25 – Reconstruct Brick Section on South Broadway

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) Main Street Medina International Festival- went well this past Saturday, August 23. Many visitors from out of town and out of state. Many commented on the event and activities on our Square and thankfulness for same.
- 3) State of the City - Will be presented to the Medina Area Chamber of Commerce on Tuesday, September 2 at 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at Weymouth Country Club. Tickets are available at the Medina Area Chamber of Commerce, 145 North Court Street.

Mayoral Proclamations:

Mayor Hanwell read a Proclamation for Donald and Ryan Wheeler who on July 18th assisted Medina Police while they were involved in a foot pursuit apprehending and holding a suspect until the Police arrived and placed the individual into custody.

Mayor Hanwell read a Proclamation for the Medina Rangers baseball team along with their Coach Tom Delac. The Medina Rangers has an outstanding 2014 Baseball season winning the very first ever State Youth Baseball Championship with a 24-6 record.

Keith Dirham, Finance Director, stated the Finance Department has all budgets for the General Fund turned in.

Greg Huber, Law Director, had no report.

Chief Berarducci, Police Chief, had no report.

Kimberly Rice, Economic Development Director, stated the City was awarded the \$300,000 Downtown revitalization Grant.

Jonathon Mendel, Planning Community, had no report.

Chief Painter, Fire Chief, had no report.

Mike Wright, Recreation Center Director, reported the new fall brochure for MCRC is now available on our website at www.Medinarec.org. The next rec advisory board meeting is Thursday, Sept. 18th at 7:40 a.m.

Jansen Wehrley, Parks and Recreation Director, reported the splashpads will remain open through Labor Day depending on the weather. There are two areas closed off on the square, the Parks Dept. is in the middle of a turf renovation project and we appreciate your patience.

Dan Gladish, Building Official, had no report.

Patrick Patton, City Engineer, reported the US 42 and RT 3 resurfacing project will begin tonight with ODOT doing night work in and around the square. There will be no parking in those areas affected. This work should take about a week to complete.

This morning the railroad began their replacement on the crossing at SR 3 and South Court Street. There is a local detour setup. The road is closed to be opened by this weekend.

Gunnison Court had pavement removed last week and this week we will begin we will do the concrete replacement and there will be no parking there for the remainder of this week.

Nino Picolli, Service Director, had no report.

Notices, Communications and Petitions: There were none.

Unfinished Business: There was none.

Introduction of Visitors:

Mr. Lamb asked Charlie and Beth Ramer to come to council tonight so he could give them recognition and some old photos of the Munson House. They just purchased the Munson House and it might well be the most historic house in the City of Medina. It was the home of Albert Munson who was a probate judge in Medina. He held frequent séances there believing that he had seen the spirit not only of McKinley but of Abraham Lincoln. The Munson house at one time was slated for demolition but the Letha House Foundation stepped in and provided the \$100,000 that was necessary to move it from Washington Street through the square to South Prospect Street. The Ramer's purchased the house to return it to its original, a home.

Mark Phillips representing the Steven Siller Tunnel to Towers Foundation stated Medina is hosting the 911 Never Forget Exhibit display on Tuesday, August 26, 2014 from 10 – 4 p.m. and Wednesday, August 27th from 12 – 6 p.m. to be set up in the Municipal lot just north of the Moose Club at Elmwood and Liberty. The 5K run and walk will be held in two weeks on September 14th starting in the square.

Jack Own (Batalian Chief) spoke of the 911 exhibit and how it reminds us what happened to our Country that day.

Introduction and Consideration of Ordinances and Resolutions:

Ord. 132-14:

An Ordinance authorizing a Job Creation Grant Agreement for Discount Drug Mart, Inc.

Mr. Shields moved for the adoption of Ordinance/Resolution No. 132-14, seconded by Mr. Simpson. Mr. Shields moved that the emergency clause be added to Ordinance/Resolution No. 132-14, seconded by Mr. Simpson. Kimberly Rice stated they will be relocating 25 new full-time jobs to their headquarters operation located at 211 Commerce Drive and creating \$2.3 million in new payroll annually for the city, we are requesting the emergency clause in order not to delay this project. 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. 132-14 passed by the yea votes of P. Rose, J. Shields, D. Simpson, J. Coyne, B. Hilberg, M. Kolesar, and B. Lamb.

Ord. 133-14:

An Ordinance providing for the conveyance of the property at 529 W. Friendship Street, Medina City Lot Nos. 297 & 298 to the Medina City Development Corporation.

Mr. Shields moved for the adoption of Ordinance/Resolution No. 133-14, seconded by Mr. Simpson. Kimberly Rice stated that in 2012 the city took possession of this residential property due to delinquent taxes. The city tore the house down utilizing Moving Ohio Forward Dollars through the county. We are requesting Council to transfer the property to the Medina City Development Corporation (CIC) so that they may work towards selling the property for redevelopment. Taxes were paid in February

2014 in the amount of \$1,330.20. The city had some expenses with regard to maintaining the lot through mowing and removal of a tree. Mr. Lamb's concern is that house was the house of people that mattered in this community and for a number of reasons it fell into disrepair. Mr. Lamb feels it is not appropriate for the CIC to sell this property and use the money for the purposes of the CIC. Mr. Coyne stated the property hasn't been given to the CIC and that the CIC goal is to for economic development purposes to revitalize the neighborhoods that otherwise didn't have anything. The roll was called and Ordinance/Resolution No. 133-14 passed by the yea votes of D. Simpson, J. Coyne, B. Hilberg, M. Kolesar, P. Rose, and J. Shields. B. Lamb cast a nay vote.

To be added to the agenda:

Mr. Shields motioned to add Ordinance 134-14 and Ordinance 135-14 to the agenda, the roll was called and passed by the yea votes of J. Coyne, B. Hilberg, M. Kolesar, B. Lamb, P. Rose, J. Shields, and D. Simpson.

Ord. 134-14:

An Ordinance amending Ordinance 208-13, passed December 9, 2013

(Amendments to 2014 Budget) Mr. Shields moved for the adoption of Ordinance/Resolution No. 134-14, seconded by Mr. Simpson. Mr. Dirham stated the new appropriations here are ones that passed through of a donation. Even though the donation came from another source we have to appropriate the money before we spend it. The second group are for a grant that runs from calendar year of July 1st and so we have to do this in the middle of the year. The final one is for some acquisitions and insurance pay through. The roll was called and Ordinance/Resolution No. 134-14 passed by the yea votes of B. Hilberg, M. Kolesar, B. Lamb, P. Rose, J. Shields, D. Simpson, and J. Coyne.

Ord. 135-14:

An Ordinance amending Ordinance No. 127-14, passed July 24, 2014 relative to the construction of the Medina Square Public Restroom and Visitor's Center. Mr. Shields moved for the adoption of Ordinance/Resolution No. 135-14, seconded by Mr. Simpson. Mr. Shields moved that the emergency clause be added to Ordinance/Resolution No. 135-14, seconded by Mr. Simpson. Mayor Hanwell explained this is asking for additional funds to be set aside for the renovation and build out of the old Key Bank drive-through to create the public restroom and visitor's center. Originally only \$250,000 was set aside and the lowest bid came in at \$350,000 which was very near the engineer estimate of \$343,000. The goal is to have the building open for the Candle Light Walk this season. It is a very tight build out so without the emergency clause we would not be able to accomplish that. Mr. Kolesar stated he is not opposed to the project, it just seems the cost ended up larger than originally planned. 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. 135-14 passed by the yea votes of B. Lamb, P. Rose, J. Shields, D. Simpson, J. Coyne, and B. Hilberg. M. Kolesar cast a nay vote.

Council Comments:

Mr. Simpson commented on the Never Forget 911 Exhibit in the Moose Parking Lot. The trailer is about a 2 million dollar trailer with artifacts from 911. On Sept. 2nd at 7 p.m. we will have our 2nd of the year Ward 1 & Ward 2 community meeting held at Claggett Middle School.

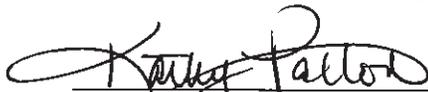
Mr. Kolesar thanked Cub Scout Troop 3508 for their cleanup efforts at Roscoe Ewing Park. Mr. Kolesar apologized for not being able to hold the creek clean up, but on Sept. 20th from 9-12 p.m. they will be working on raising recognition on the importance of our water ways.

Mr. Rose spoke of the Shining Stars (people who do something because it's the right thing to do.) Bob Grady saw a dead cat and didn't want kids on the first day of school to see the carcass so he picked it up and removed it from the area.

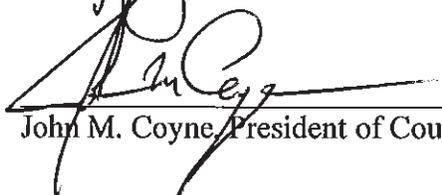
Jim Shields wanted to offer his and the Council member's condolences to President of Council John Coyne and his family for the loss of his mother.

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