

MEDINA CITY COUNCIL

November 23rd, 2015

Opening:

Medina City Council met in regular, open session on Monday, November 23rd, 2015. The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by President of Council John Coyne. Boy Scout Troop #508 from Medina Presbyterian Church lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call:

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

Also present were the following members of the Administration: Mayor Dennis Hanwell, Keith Dirham, Greg Huber, Nino Piccoli, Patrick Patton, Sgt. McNab, Jansen Wehrley, Dan Gladish, Jonathon Mendel, Mike Wright, Kimberly Marshall, Mike Kovach – Auditor, Pam Miller, Elaine Lamb and Cornell Carter.

Minutes:

Mr. Shields moved that the minutes from the regular meeting on November 9th, 2015, as prepared and presented by the Clerk be approved, seconded by Mr. Simpson. The roll was called and the minutes were approved by the yeas of B. Lamb, P. Rose, J. Shields, D. Simpson, J. Coyne, B. Hilberg, and M. Kolesar.

Reports of Standing Committees:

Finance Committee: Mr. Coyne stated the Finance committee met prior to Council and will meet again for final time of the year on December 14th.

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

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 reported in the finance meeting there was an item passed in reference to Inner Connects for our water supply with Medina County's at Lake Road and East Smith. Mr. Patton explained it is for a backup protection and received approval from the EPA.

Requests for Council Action:

15-188-11/23 – Budget Amendment

15-189-11/23 – Payment Over \$3,000 – Kuhlman Corp.

15-190-11/23 – Agreement w/ Medina Township, Dispatching & Communication Services

15-191-11/23 – Agreement w/ Montville Township, Dispatching & Communication Services

15-192-11/23 – Income Tax Allocation Adjustment, Amend. 161.13

15-193-11/23 – Expenditure Over \$15,000 – Fioritto Construction Bid Award

Reports of Municipal Officers:

Dennis Hanwell, Mayor, reported the following:

1) Eat*Drink*Shop Medina - The Post Newspapers in partnership with Medina Chamber,

- Main Street Medina, and City of Medina will host first annual Eat*Drink*Shop Medina November 1st – 30th. Receipts with 44256 area code turned in for tickets to win prizes on December 5th at MCRC. Please support our local merchants. Each receipt will get one ticket. If the business is a Main Street Medina member or Chamber member, those receipts get 2 tickets. Prizes will be listed at Medina Post Newspaper's face book page.
- 2) Candlelight Walk - Took place this past weekend. Thank you to Brad and Kathy Root family and Root Candles for being title sponsor; Main Street Medina for decorations in downtown and promotions for event; local businesses for decorations and help; and Medina residents Daniel and Julie Bender for donating the beautiful Christmas tree for the Gazebo, as well as Treemasters for cutting and transporting the tree to the Square. What a great family event for our community. Other sponsors are listed at the Main Street Medina website www.mainstreetmedina.com. Also big thanks to Bobby Ducker from Chippewa Roofing for lights install.
 - 3) Medina County Auditor Mike Kovack issued warning about two companies that have solicited residents in Ohio to obtain property records and profiles. Auditor reports that they are asking for fees to obtain these records that are readily available at the Records office or Auditors office as public records for cost of copying. Both offices are located at 144 North Broadway St. in the County Administration Building. We do not want to see our residents taken advantage of.
 - 4) Hospice Fundraiser - Thanksgiving morning 7:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. at Yours Truly Restaurant, donation for all pancakes, sausage, juice and coffee.
 - 5) Proclamation for Elaine Lamb - Jim Shields and Mayor Hanwell. Mayor Hanwell stated for over 50 years Elaine has been involved in this community in Historic Preservation, in installing the Gazebo, and in maintaining the Historic District, she is one of the charter members of the Community Design Committee, the Shade Tree Committee, Mud- Mothers Pottery and so many more. Mr. Shields shared that Elaine always volunteered to take care of others along with taking care of our community.

Keith Dirham, Finance Director, reported that HB5 passed and it affects the Municipal Income Tax in every city in the state that collects income tax, therefore the city has to pass a new ordinance to be in compliance with it. Thanks to Mr. Huber and Council for helping to work through this. The final decisions on this were made earlier tonight and will have it sent back to the attorneys to draft the final ordinance to pass at the next meeting. Mr. Dirham assured the public we are not out of money, we are dealing with an issue that is on the revenue side. We are down about a million dollars a year in revenue from the State of Ohio. There is a number of changes they have made, the local government fund and some taxes that they share with the municipalities and those have been reduced by a million dollars a year. We are looking at going forward about a million dollar a year deficit in our General Fund because of those cuts and what we did at the meeting Thursday was to work out ways to fill that hole so that we won't have a problem down the road. We are looking ahead and planning ahead.

Greg Huber, Law Director, had no report.

Chief Berarducci, Police Department, had no report.

Kimberly Marshall, Economic Development Director, reported the following: The next City of Medina Economic Development Committee meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, December 1st. ODOT and their consultant, Parsons and Brinckerhoff will give a presentation on the Medina Regional Transportation Study Alternatives Analysis. The meeting will begin at 7:45 a.m. and the meeting is open to the public. The meeting will be held in the multipurpose room.

On Friday, November 20th, the City in conjunction with Main Street Medina and the Medina Chamber of Commerce welcomed two new businesses to the City.

Those businesses are: Inspired Designs by Elizabeth Ann – they offer artisan made jewelry, a variety of handbags, hats, gloves and other accessories. They are located at 108 W. Washington Street

The other business is Fabric Obsession, offering quilting fabric, wool, pre-cut patterns, fabric kits and a variety of quilting supplies. They will offer quilting classes in the near future. They are located at 620 East Smith Road, Unit W20.

I would also like to take a moment to Thank Jarrod Fry and Matt Tomek for all their hard work with our Made in Medina County Event, recording all the ribbon cutting events, business interviews and their work on our America's Best Community Prize Competition. They do a great job and we are very fortunate to have them as a part of our team.

Jonathon Mendel, Planning Community Director, reported they still have funds and are accepting applications for the home repair and private home rehabilitation funds known as the CHIP Grant. The funding is available for low to moderate income residents for home repairs up to \$8,000.00 in the form of a grant, and private home rehabilitation up to \$30,000.00 in the form of a partially forgivable no interest no payment loan for qualified applicants. For information please contact Sandy Davis the Grant Administrator in the Community Development Department at 330-722-0397 or go to the city website www.medinaoh.org.

Chief Painter, Fire Chief, had no report.

Mike Wright, Recreation Center Director,

The Medina Rec wants to remind the community that our Winter Brochure will be available online the week of December 7th, at www.medinarec.org and it will also be inserted in the Post Newspapers on Saturday, December 12th.

Our next scheduled Rec Advisory Committee meeting will be Thursday, December 17th, at the Recreation Center at 7:30 a.m. I am sad to say this will be the last meeting for our chairperson, Ken Rockhold, who has served on the Rec Advisory since day one. I want to thank him for his years of dedication and service to the Recreation Center.

Jansen Wehrley, Parks and Recreation Director, reported the Forestry Dept. issued a work permit on November 18th for the Ohio Edison Company to perform utility vegetation management along four distribution circuits in the City of Medina. The streets that will be affected include: Industrial Parkway, Lake Road, Hartford Drive, Wooster Pike, Ryan Road, South Broadway St., Lafayette Road, Wadsworth Road, Plymouth St., Blanot St., La Salle St. and West Sturbridge Drive. Residents and businesses along these streets will be contacted in person or receive a door hanger notification from Ohio Edison. The work will involve the pruning of trees in close proximity to the primary and secondary distribution lines. The work is to be performed by Aspen

Tree Expert Company and should commence after January 1st. Any questions about the door hanger refer to the number at the bottom 330-323-9232.

Dan Gladish, Building Official, had no report.

Patrick Patton, City Engineer, reported crews were moved into the Ryan Rd. project this morning to reconstruct Ryan Rd. from Sturbridge to Lafayette. Public Open House is scheduled for anyone that is interested about the project next Tuesday, December 1st here at City Hall from 4 – 6 p.m. Residents within the project area did or will soon receive a notification of that meeting. The traffic signal at State Route 3 and Highpoint / Lexington Ridge is not a city signal it is an ODOT project. They are installing a permanent signal and in order to do that they have to take the old one down.

Nino Piccoli, Service Director, reported the leaf program is moving along. The city auction was a success on November 14th, we more than doubled the sales from prior auctions. The Holiday Lighting went well and I'd like to acknowledge a couple of employees from the Street Dept. Scott Peto, Jim Pitsenbarger, Mike Norton, and Joe Grubiss for the time they spent behind the scenes making it a success. Thank you to the Parks Dept. and Bobby Duker from Chippewa Roofing.

Notices, Communications and Petition: There were none.

Unfinished Business: There was none.

Introduction of Visitors: There were none.

Introduction and Consideration of Ordinances and Resolutions:

Ord. 146-15:

An Ordinance authorizing the Mayor to accept Easement Agreements for the West Smith Road Reconstruction Project (Parcel #9). Mr. Shields moved for the adoption of Ordinance/Resolution No. 146-15, seconded by Mr. Simpson. Mr. Shields moved that the emergency clause be added to Ordinance/Resolution No. 146-15, seconded by Mr. Simpson. Mr. Patton stated the West Smith Project includes a lengthening of the turn lane at State Road intersection, we are required to get a number of easements from 18 to 20. We are down to two and this is one of them. Emergency clause is needed to get this moving along. 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. 146-15 passed by the yea votes of P. Rose, J. Shields, D. Simpson, J. Coyne, B. Hilberg, M. Kolesar, and B. Lamb.

Res. 147-15:

A Resolution affirming the City of Medina's ongoing commitment to diversity. Mr. Shields moved for the adoption of Ordinance/Resolution No. 147-15, seconded by Mr. Simpson. Mayor Hanwell stated a committee was put together to talk about diversity in the community, in the city employees and in the city schools. This resolution documents the ongoing commitment to diversity

both as a community as well as in our hiring and how we treat people. The roll was called and Ordinance/Resolution No. 147-15 passed by the yeas votes of D. Simpson, J. Coyne, B. Hilberg, M. Kolesar, B. Lamb, P. Rose, and J. Shields.

Ord. 148-15:

An Ordinance authorizing the Mayor to execute a Memorandum of Understanding with Clover Communities Medina, LLC. Mr. Shields moved for the adoption of Ordinance/Resolution No. 148-15, seconded by Mr. Simpson. Mr. Patton explained that Clover Communities is constructing a senior living facility at part of the site of the former Pythian Sisters. The project plan includes changing the way the site is drained. Some piping in our system will have to be upsized and they have agreed to pay the cost of that. The roll was called and Ordinance/Resolution No. 148-15 passed by the yeas votes of J. Coyne, B. Hilberg, M. Kolesar, B. Lamb, P. Rose, J. Shields, and D. Simpson.

Ord. 149-15:

An Ordinance amending Ordinance No. 200-14, passed December 8, 2014.

(Amendments to 2015 Budget) Mr. Shields moved for the adoption of Ordinance/Resolution No. 149-15, seconded by Mr. Simpson. Mr. Dirham stated as discussed in the Finance meeting earlier, the Civil Service Commission budget was reduced by about \$36,000 for 2015, we discussed at the time that might be more than they can handle and it was and we need about a third of that back. The roll was called and Ordinance/Resolution No. 149-15 passed by the yeas votes of B. Hilberg, M. Kolesar, B. Lamb, P. Rose, J. Shields, D. Simpson, and J. Coyne.

Council Comments:

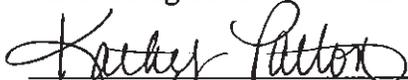
Mr. Simpson congratulated Elaine Lamb. Happy Thanksgiving to all. He stated he applauds the Diversity Committee.

Mr. Lamb congratulated his wife Elaine Lamb. Complimented all involved with our lighting of the downtown. The CDC has their Holiday Home Tour on December 6th. Tickets are on sale at all Buehler's locations in Medina County, online at www.Medinacommunitydesigncommittee.org or at Miss Molly's Tea Room or Cool Beans.

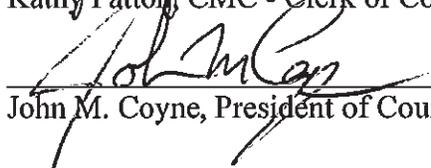
Mr. Coyne stated there is a meeting scheduled on December 2nd for finalizing the budget and also to discuss the Court and pool projects to finalize the Capital Improvement discussions initiated in 2015.

Adjournment:

There being no further business before Council, the meeting adjourned at 8:04 p.m.



Kathy Patton, CMC - Clerk of Council



John M. Coyne, President of Council