

## MEDINA CITY COUNCIL

January 25th, 2016

### **Opening:**

Medina City Council met in regular, open session on Monday, January 25th, 2016. The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by President of Council John Coyne. Third grade Brownie Troop 91013 and the second grade Brownie Troop 90475 from Eliza Northrop Elementary School who were in attendance to earn their Community Badge lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

### **Roll Call:**

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

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

### **Minutes:**

Mr. Shields moved that the minutes from the regular meeting on January 11th, 2016, 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 P. Rose, J. Shields, D. Simpson, J. Coyne, M. Kolesar, and B. Lamb.

### **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. Kolesar stated he has a tentative date for a meeting on February 25<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 p.m.

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

Special Legislation Committee: Mr. Lamb stated they will be meeting in February to discuss the issue of large wild animals.

Streets & Sidewalks Committee: Mr. Simpson had no meeting scheduled and no report.

Water & Utilities Committee: Mr. Rose stated after the last council meeting he had a brief meeting with the Mayor and is looking to schedule something after the 15<sup>th</sup> of February.

### **Requests for Council Action:**

#### **Finance Committee**

Addendum to RCA 16-002-1/11 – RFP’s Scanning Project for Municipal Court

16-009-1/25 – Budget Amendments

16-010-1/25 – Expenditure - \$35,000 Wingfoot Tire – Sanitation Dept.

16-011-1/15 – RFQ/RFP – CHIP Consultant

16-012-1/25 – Expenditure - \$64,021.59 Emergitech – Police

16-013-1/25 – Expenditure Over \$15,000 – Vance’s Law Enforcement

16-014-1/25 – Easements – N. Huntington Street Reconstruction

16-015-1/25 – Easements – 1097 Industrial Parkway

- 16-016-1/25 – Bids, 2016 ADA Curb Ramp Program
- 16-017-1/25 – Bids, Foundry Street Reconstruction
- 16-018-1/25 – CMR for Muni-Courthouse & Parking Deck Project
- 16-019-1/25 – Payment – Jenmet Construction, PY14 CHIP Grant

**Reports of Municipal Officers:**

**Dennis Hanwell, Mayor,** reported the following:

- 1) Working America Canvassing in City - Legislative and political advocacy as well as educational canvassing of residential areas in city starting in January and going throughout the election cycle will be conducted in city. Times of canvassing will be 4 p.m. to 9 p.m. Monday through Friday and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on weekends. These activities are constitutionally protected under the First Amendment and do not require registering with city for solicitor’s permit, or following solicitor regulations, as they are not selling anything. Working America is not for profit 501c5 labor organization, affiliated with AFL-CIO.
- 2) Medina Ice Festival- February 12th – 15th, 2016 - President’s Day weekend - Ice sculptures supported by local businesses and ice carving demonstrations.
- 3) America’s Best Community Competition - Sorry to report we did not make it to next round of the ABC competition. I am thankful and proud that Medina was selected in the top 50 and we were the only city in Northern Ohio to be selected for the competition. It gave the City great exposure and positive recognition. I appreciate Jonathan’s and Kimberly’s efforts on this project, as well as our planning team. The plan submitted is a useful tool for those wanting to help restore and redevelop our housing stock in the historic area surrounding our Square.
- 4) Proclamation for safety forces for life saving.

- Police Staff - School Resource Officers Mike Wesner and Al Roland
- Fire Staff - Fire Fighters Rob Brewer, Kevin Carr, and Ed Jokkel
- LST Staff - LST Medics Don Leuchtag, Peter Muha, Jeffrey Weitzel (UTA)

Mayor Hanwell presented proclamations for the above safety force members for their life saving efforts on Dr. Steve Sroka as he fell ill during a guest speaking event at the Medina Performing Arts Center on Friday, January 15<sup>th</sup>. CPR and the AED was administered until the LST medics arrived and transported Steve to Medina Hospital, he was subsequently transferred to Cleveland Clinic Main Campus for further evaluation.

**Keith Dirham, Finance Director,** stated they closed out 2015 over the weekend. There are some items on the agenda he will address when they get there.

**Greg Huber, Law Director,** had no report.

**Chief Berarducci, Police Chief,** had no report.

**Kimberly Marshall, Economic Development Director,** had no report.

**Jonathon Mendel, Planning Community Director**, had no report.

**Chief Painter, Fire Chief**, reminded residents that there is a residential lock box system in place. This allows the Fire Department to work with the residents that may have a special needs or need extra help. There is special pricing through a couple different merchants in town. The lock boxes allow Police, Fire or EMS access into the house in the event of an emergency. If you need more information call Station one at 330-725-1772.

**Jansen Wehrley, Parks and Recreation Director**, Stated any individual wanting to sign up for youth sports that were not able to attend the All Sports Registration last weekend at the MCRC can visit the City of Medina Website and locate the Sports Association link on our Parks Department Page where we've included links to all the sports associations.

The Forestry Department will be handing out tree removal notices to all residents on Halifax Ln., Freeport Drive and Vineyard Drive. These streets are predominately lined with Ash trees that have all become infested with Emerald Ash Borer. The plan is to remove these trees and grind the stumps in the next few weeks. Then identify the appropriate planting sites and replace the trees in the spring.

**Dan Gladish, Building Official**, had no report.

**Patrick Patton, City Engineer**, stated the North Huntington project is underway and traffic through that area is limited to local traffic. The project area extends from Highland Drive to West Homestead.

This week we will be starting our East Smith Road Emergency Water Connection and it will be about a two week process.

The Columbia Gas 2015 line replacement project has begun, this is a continuation of last years' program and goes from Friendship Street to Smith Road and Court to Medina Street.

**Nino Piccoli, Service Director**, stated next Monday, February 1<sup>st</sup> at 6 p.m. here at Medina City Hall, we will be hosting a Joint Three City Council Meeting between Wadsworth, Brunswick and Medina for an update on the solid waste district. There is some confusion on recycling or lack of. The OPTIVA Company will be in attendance to discuss the new Waste Mall concept.

### **Approval of Council Appointments**

Charter Review Commission – Megan Spilman (At-Large), exp. 12/31/20

Mr. Shields moved to approve the Council appointment for Charter Review Commission, seconded by Mr. Simpson. The roll was called on the council appointment and approved by the yea votes of J. Shields, D. Simpson, J. Coyne, M. Kolesar, B. Lamb and P. Rose.

### **Approval of Mayor's Appointments**

Board of Zoning Appeals – Rob Henwood, expiring 12/31/18

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Community Investment Area Housing Council  
Jim Bigam, expiring 12/31/18  
Rex Demczyk, expiring 12/31/18

Mr. Shields moved to approve the Mayor's appointments for the Board of Zoning Appeals and Community Investment Area Housing Council, seconded by Mr. Simpson. The roll was called on the Mayor's appointments and approved by the yea votes of D. Simpson, J. Coyne, M. Kolesar, B. Lamb, P. Rose, and J. Shields.

Planning Commission – Justin Petrecca – expiring 12/31/19

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

**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:**

**Res. 007-16:**

**A Resolution amending the Intensive Supervision Probation Grant Extension and funding for the Medina Municipal Court through the fiscal year 2016.** Mr. Shields moved for the adoption of Ordinance/Resolution No. 007-16, seconded by Mr. Simpson. Mr. Shields moved that the emergency clause be added to Ordinance/Resolution No. 007-16, seconded by Mr. Simpson. Mr. Coyne stated this is an annual passage of the grant extension, this year there are additional funds that are being given to the City of Medina's Municipal Court. This is retroactive from the 2015 – 2016 and that is why the emergency clause is needed. 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, and J. Coyne. The roll was called and Ordinance/Resolution No. 007-16 passed by the yea votes of J. Coyne, M. Kolesar, B. Lamb, P. Rose, J. Shields, and D. Simpson.

**Ord. 008-16:**

**An Ordinance amending Section 31.02(B)(6) of the Salaries and Benefits Code of the City of Medina, Ohio relative to the Intensive Supervision Probation employees for the Municipal Court.** Mr. Shields moved for the adoption of Ordinance/Resolution No. 008-16, seconded by Mr. Simpson. Mr. Shields moved that the emergency clause be added to Ordinance/Resolution No. 008-16, seconded by Mr. Simpson. This is from the previous resolution this ordinance modifies the salaries and benefits code by adding a group facilitator part-time that will be covered under the Intensive Supervision Probation Grant we just discussed. Emergency is for the same reason of being retroactive for 2015 – 2016 time period. 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, M. Kolesar, and B. Lamb. The roll was called and Ordinance/Resolution No. 008-16 passed by the yea votes of B. Lamb, P. Rose, J. Shields, D. Simpson, J. Coyne, and M. Kolesar.

**Ord. 009-16:**

**An Ordinance authorizing the Mayor to advertise for competitive bids and to award a contract to the successful bidder for the Sam Masi Park Playground Surfacing Project.** Mr. Shields moved for the adoption of Ordinance/Resolution No. 009-16, seconded by Mr. Simpson. Mr. Wehrley stated the Parks Department was awarded a \$40,000 in grant funding from the 22<sup>nd</sup> round of Nature Works Grant Program back in November, this grant provides up to 75% reimbursement for local government subdivisions for acquisition development and rehabilitation of recreational areas. This ordinance is for advertisement, bid and award a contract for the installation of approximately 3800 sq. ft. of ADA accessible pour in place rubberized surface at the Sam Masi Park. The Parks Department will be contributing cash and labor of approximately \$14,000.00 towards the project. Mr. Kolesar thanked Sandy Davis and Jansen Wehrley for their pursuit of this grant. Jansen has done a wonderful job bringing this park back to life. The roll was called and Ordinance/Resolution No. 009-16 passed by the yea votes of J. Shields, D. Simpson, J. Coyne, M. Kolesar, B. Lamb and P. Rose.

**Ord. 010-16:**

**An Ordinance authorizing the expenditure of \$66,906.18 to the Medina County Commissioners for the reimbursement to the Bond Reserve Fund for the Medina County Port Authority Fiber Network.** Mr. Shields moved for the adoption of Ordinance/Resolution No. 010-16, seconded by Mr. Simpson. Mr. Dirham stated this refers back to in 2010 the county came to us and wanted us to be a guarantor on this for the debt for the Fiber Project. This is our final payment on that debt. The roll was called and Ordinance/Resolution No. 010-16 passed by the yea votes of D. Simpson, J. Coyne, M. Kolesar, B. Lamb, P. Rose, and J. Shields.

**Ord. 011-16:**

**An Ordinance amending Ordinance No. 51-15, passed April 27, 2015 relative to the 2015 Concrete Street Repair Program.** Mr. Shields moved for the adoption of Ordinance/Resolution No. 011-16, seconded by Mr. Simpson. Mr. Patton explained that last year we completed our annual Concrete Street Repair Program. Shortly after the project was awarded we added an area on West Smith Road due to the pavement condition being so bad we felt it was presenting a safety problem and needed to be corrected immediately. That addition caused us to exceed the contract amount by \$4,500.00 and we are asking to be able to pay that contractor. The roll was called and Ordinance/Resolution No. 011-16 passed by the yea votes of J. Coyne, M. Kolesar, B. Lamb, P. Rose, J. Shields, and D. Simpson.

**Ord. 012-16:**

**An Ordinance authorizing an expenditure of \$40,547.14 to the Medina County Park District for the City's share of the Lake Medina to Reagan Parkway Trail Connector Project.** Mr. Shields moved for the adoption of Ordinance/Resolution No. 012-16, seconded by Mr. Simpson. Mr. Wehrley stated back in 2010 the Medina County Parks District and The City of Medina jointly applied for grant funding from NOACA for a Transportation Enhancement Program Grant for

Lake Medina to Reagan Parkway Trail. Since then, the grant was awarded and the project was bid and construction was completed in 2015. This payment is our portion of the local grant match for the completed project. Mr. Wehrley stated this trail is a great extension of our existing trail system and not only is an asset for Medina County Parks but a crucial link between the city of Medina and Medina Township. Mr. Kolesar again stated he is very pleased and feels it was a good decision to allow the Medina County Parks to take over Lake Medina. He thanked Tom James who is the County Park Director, Members of Council that voted in favor of this back in 2010. The roll was called and Ordinance/Resolution No. 012-16 passed by the yeas of M. Kolesar, B. Lamb, P. Rose, J. Shields, D. Simpson, and J. Coyne.

**Ord. 013-16:**

**An Ordinance amending Ordinance No. 165-15, passed December 22, 2015.**

**(Amendments to 2016 Budget)** Mr. Shields moved for the adoption of Ordinance/Resolution No. 013-16, seconded by Mr. Simpson. Mr. Dirham explained we are amending this because all expenditures in the city have to be appropriated by council and these were things that were not anticipated. We received a \$1,000.00 donation and it needs to be appropriated in order to spend it and then the other one is we had an over payment that we need to refund for sanitation. The roll was called and Ordinance/Resolution No. 013-16 passed by the yeas of B. Lamb, P. Rose, J. Shields, D. Simpson, J. Coyne, and M. Kolesar.

**To be added to the agenda:**

Mr. Shields moved to add Ord. 014-16 to the agenda, seconded by Mr. Simpson. The roll was called and Ord. 014-16 was added to the agenda by the yeas of P. Rose, J. Shields, D. Simpson, J. Coyne, M. Kolesar, and B. Lamb.

**Ord. 014-16:**

**An Ordinance establishing the Fair Market Value for the property acquisition at 260 State Road for the West Smith Reconstruction Project.** Mr. Shields moved for the adoption of Ordinance/Resolution No. 014-16, seconded by Mr. Simpson. Mr. Shields moved that the emergency clause be added to Ordinance/Resolution No. 014-16, seconded by Mr. Simpson. Mr. Patton stated as part of their West Smith Rd. project they have had to acquire 25 – 26 easements from 12 or 13 different property owners, this is the last one needed. We have been talking and negotiating with the property owners at 260 State Rd. for over a year now in regards to this easement. Emergency clause is needed as this has taken over 12 months. Mr. Kolesar thanked Patrick Patton and Greg Huber for all their hard work getting this project completed. The roll was called on adding the emergency clause and was approved by the yeas of D. Simpson, J. Coyne, M. Kolesar, B. Lamb, P. Rose, and J. Shields. The roll was called and Ordinance/Resolution No. 014-16 passed by the yeas of J. Shields, D. Simpson, J. Coyne, M. Kolesar, B. Lamb and P. Rose.

**Council Comments:**

Mr. Kolesar thanked the Mayor and Police Chief for their hard work and having such an excellent Medina Police force here that helped save a life.

Mr. Kolesar also stated he knows there are some deer issues in Ward 3 and expressed to residents

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to take their time going down South Court Street or Wadsworth Road, Route 57.

Mr. Lamb stated he is excited for the opportunity to serve on the Shade Tree Commission. He attended his first meeting and it was so well conducted, so well done. It's fascinating that the City of Medina has been able to spend these past 3 decades doing the amount of planting and tree care especially with the issue of the Ash Borer. He thanked Mark Kolesar for serving so long on that committee and playing a key role in promoting a number of things.

Lastly, we didn't win the America's Best Community Award but it was an extraordinary effort. It did however highlight what a wonderful community we do live in and what we have to offer. We now have an action plan that came out of this process to deal with the housing. What the program pointed out was that we have a great deal of community pride. He spoke of things we all can do to help facelift our neighborhoods that don't cost money, simple personal responsibilities.

**Adjournment:**

There being no further business before Council, the meeting adjourned at 8:16 p.m.

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Kathy Patton, CMC - Clerk of Council

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John M. Coyne, President of Council