

MEDINA CITY COUNCIL
Monday, March 11, 2019

Opening:

Medina City Council met in regular, open session on Monday, March 11, 2019. 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 E. Heffinger, B. Lamb, P. Rose, J. Shields, B. Starcher and J. Coyne. D. Simpson was absent.

Also present were the following members of the Administration: Mayor Dennis Hanwell, Keith Dirham, Greg Huber, Patrick Patton, Nino Piccoli, Chief Kinney, Asst. Chief Mark Crumley, Dan Gladish, Jansen Wehrley, Mike Wright, and Jonathon Mendel.

Minutes:

Mr. Shields moved that the minutes from the regular meeting on Monday, February 25, 2019 as prepared and submitted by the Clerk be approved. The roll was called and the motion passed by the yea votes of B. Lamb, P. Rose, J. Shields, B. Starcher, J. Coyne and E. Heffinger.

Reports of Standing Committees:

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

Health, Safety & Sanitation Committee: Mr. Simpson was absent.

Public Properties Committee: Mr. Shields had no report.

Special Legislation Committee: Mr. Lamb stated they are still working on the LGBTQ legislation.

Streets & Sidewalks Committee: Mr. Heffinger stated they will be meeting with the Council of the Whole tomorrow to discuss the South Broadway brick road reconstruction project and will be meeting with residents and anyone else from the community that would like to join us.

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

Emerging Technologies Committee: Mr. Rose had no report.

Requests for Council Action:

19-048-3/11 – Budget Amendments

19-049-3/11 – Then & Now – Huntington Bank – Municipal Court

19-050-3/11 – Amendment to Contract w/ Ohio Regional Development Corp. – PY18 CHIP

19-051-3/11 – Fitness Room Addition – Letter of Engagement

19-052-3/11 – Requested Real Estate Swap

Reports of Municipal Officers:

Dennis Hanwell, Mayor, reported

1) Monday, March 4th at 5:30 p.m. attended annual Medina County Health Department

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(MCHD) Advisory Council. Highlights:

- a. MCHD - National recognition; 1 of 26 health departments recognized of 108 in state
 - b. Recovery efforts - MCHD working as co-chair of Opiate Task Force as well as Project Dawn in collaboration with Medina Co. ADAMH Board to provide free Narcan to families and train on use.
 - c. LivingWellMedinaCounty.com - interactive website for discussions, questions, etc. Only one of five in the nation.
 - d. 2019 will be planning for Strategic Plan review and update for MCHD.
- 2) 2018 Medina Annual report was distributed to Council, Department Heads, media and public on February 27, 2019. Proud of the work and efforts of each staff members, as well as the many agencies and organizations we collaborate with to make Medina special! There is also a copy posted on our city website under “news”; www.medinaoh.org I or my staff would be happy to answer any questions after your and the public’s review of the report.
- 3) Parking Deck - Construction of parking deck south of Medina City hall will commence this May. Parking will be very limited at Medina City Hall and lot between Sully’s patio and Porter’s Shoes. Available long term lots are at the southeast corner of West Liberty and South Elmwood; lot on west side of 200 block of South Elmwood (between Smith and Washington); as well as at the existing parking deck behind Common Pleas Courts. The project will last from May to likely December.

Keith Dirham, Finance Director, Mr. Dirham reminded residents to file an income tax with RITA and you can find them on the web at RITAOHIO, there will also be forms here at City Hall. The dates for assistance with city taxes are Thursday, March 14th 9 a.m. – 4 p.m. and Saturday, April 6th 11:30 a.m. – 6:30 p.m. at the Medina Recreation Center.

Greg Huber, Law Director, had no report

Chief Kinney, Police Department, had no report.

Kimberly Marshall, Economic Development Director, was absent.

Jonathan Mendel, Planning Community Director, had no report.

Mark Crumley, Fire Department, had no report.

Mike Wright, Recreation Center Director, Mr. Wright stated the basketball leagues for the Medina Rec start winding down and this weekend will be the last games. He thanked the community who participated and made this another great year for the league, he also thanked the members and patrons for their patience in the scheduling of the field house for the past 10 weeks. The next scheduled Rec Advisory Board meeting will be on Thursday, March 21st, 7:30 a.m. at the recreation center.

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Jansen Wehrley, Parks and Recreation Director, Jansen stated the Parks Department is hiring seasonal laborers for this summer and applications can be found on the city website.

Dan Gladish, Building Official, had no report.

Patrick Patton, City Engineer, stated the city will be completing a project to rebuild the South Elmwood Bridge and starting this spring there will be some detours around that area.

Nino Piccoli, Service Director, stated at the Board of Control meeting they awarded the water well sealing and abandonment project to Moody's of Dayton Inc. and GM Baker and Son Company.

Notices, communications and petitions

There were none.

Unfinished Business:

There was none.

Introduction of Visitors:

Suzanne Sharpe resides at 326 W. Washington St. Ms. Sharpe expressed appreciation for council's cooperation in allowing her time to pursue options for saving from demolition to the historically significance of the Sophia Huntington Parker Homestead. A great amount of community support has been gathered through the Facebook page Preserve Medina History. (see attached statement) Mr. Lamb stated it is exciting that Suzanne has engaged in the process to try and save this house. He reported that he never really knew the history and significance of this house.

Introduction and Consideration of Ordinances and Resolutions:

Res. 039-19:

A Resolution requesting the Medina County Auditor to certify the total current tax valuation and the dollar amount of revenue that would be generated for the renewal of 2.2 mills and an increase of 1 mill for the operation of an Ambulance and Emergency Medical Service. Mr. Shields moved for the adoption of Ordinance/Resolution No. 039-19, seconded by Mr. Rose. Mr. Shields moved that the emergency clause be added to Ordinance/Resolution No. 039-19, seconded by Mr. Rose. Mr. Dirham stated this is a redo of the Resolution they did a few weeks ago, there were some updates from the previous ordinance and emergency clause is needed to get back on the time line they were on. The roll was called on adding the emergency clause and was approved by the yea votes of J. Shields, B. Starcher J. Coyne, E. Heffinger, B. Lamb and P. Rose. The roll was called and Ordinance/Resolution No. 039-19 passed by the yea votes of P. Rose, J. Shields, B. Starcher, J. Coyne, E. Heffinger and B. Lamb.

Ord. 040-19:

An Ordinance adopting an updated City Owned Electronic Device Policy for the City of Medina. Mr. Shields moved for the adoption of Ordinance/Resolution No. 040-19, seconded by Mr. Rose. Mayor Hanwell stated the city is required under the public records law to maintain the

public records for a period of time by archiving them. Two sentences were added to this ordinance. The roll was called and Ordinance/Resolution No. 040-19 passed by the yeas of B. Starcher, J. Coyne, E. Heffinger, B. Lamb, P. Rose, and J. Shields.

Ord. 041-19:

An Ordinance authorizing the payment of \$36,373.00 to Software Solutions Inc. (SSI) for software maintenance of the Finance and Service Departments Accounting System. Mr. Shields moved for the adoption of Ordinance/Resolution No. 041-19, seconded by Mr. Rose. Mr. Dirham stated this is the Finance utility billing and payroll software they use in Finance and other departments. The roll was called and Ordinance/Resolution No. 041-19 passed by the yeas of J. Coyne, E. Heffinger, B. Lamb, P. Rose, J. Shields, and B. Starcher.

Ord. 042-19:

An Ordinance authorizing the purchase of five (5) 2020 Ford All Wheel Drive Police Interceptor Explorers from Lebanon Ford for the Police Department. Mr. Shields moved for the adoption of Ordinance/Resolution No. 042-19, seconded by Mr. Rose. Mr. Shields moved that the emergency clause be added to Ordinance/Resolution No. 042-19, seconded by Mr. Rose. Chief Kinney stated Ford cancelled their last order and that is the reason for the purchase of (5) Explorers. Chief Kinney also stated Ford is giving them a \$2,000 credit on two of those vehicles for an overall discount of \$4,000. Emergency clause is needed because they are behind on their rotation due to the cancelled order. The roll was called on adding the emergency clause and was approved by the yeas of B. Lamb, P. Rose, J. Shields, B. Starcher, J. Coyne and E. Heffinger. The roll was called and Ordinance/Resolution No. 042-19 passed by the yeas of E. Heffinger, B. Lamb, P. Rose, J. Shields, B. Starcher and J. Coyne.

Ord. 043-19:

An Ordinance amending Ordinance No. 195-18, passed December 10, 2018. (Amendments to 2019 Budget) Mr. Shields moved for the adoption of Ordinance/Resolution No. 043-19, seconded by Mr. Rose. Mr. Dirham stated the only budget amendment this week is for the Police Department purchase of the 5 vehicles. The roll was called and Ordinance/Resolution No. 043-19 passed by the yeas of P. Rose, J. Shields, B. Starcher, J. Coyne, E. Heffinger and B. Lamb.

Ord. 044-19:

An Ordinance of the Council of the City of Medina 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. Mr. Shields moved for the adoption of Ordinance/Resolution No. 044-19, seconded by Mr. Rose. Mr. Shields moved that the emergency clause be added to Ordinance/Resolution No. 044-19, seconded by Mr. Rose. Mr. Dirham stated this was for a purchase already made and are asking for the emergency clause so they do not incur finance charges. The roll was called on adding the emergency clause and was approved by the yeas of B. Starcher, J. Coyne, E. Heffinger, B. Lamb, P. Rose, and J. Shields. The roll was called and Ordinance/Resolution No. 044-19 passed by the yeas of J. Shields, B. Starcher J. Coyne, E. Heffinger, B. Lamb and P. Rose.

Council Comments:

Eric Heffinger spoke of taking a lead role on their five common goals for the Strategic Plan for the City of Medina and his roll is Effective Government. Effective Government is to provide services that ensure a high quality of life, safety and security through government that is fiscally responsible and accessible to all citizens. Talking to the administration and the community, he believes there is a gap of people's ability to talk to their local officials, especially if they didn't know them personally. Eric stated they came up with a plan to go to the Farmer's Markets in the summer twice a month and a member of the administration will be there and a member of council will also be there at the same time. This will take place on the 2nd and 4th Saturday of each month for a couple of hours each morning. The first one will be May 11th where he and Mr. Piccoli will attend.

Adjournment:

There being no further business before Council, the meeting adjourned at 7:56 p.m.



Kathy Patton, CMC - Clerk of Council



John M. Coyne, President of Council

Read into the record during “Introduction of Visitors,”

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By Suzanne Sharpe



Good evening, President Coyne, members of Council. I would like to express, for the record, my sincere appreciation for your cooperation in allowing me time to pursue options for saving, from demolition, the *historically significant* **Sophia Huntington Parker Homestead** at 347 N. Huntington Street.

(I'm proud to say) A great amount of community support has gathered through our Facebook group page called, ***“Preserve Medina History: Help Rescue the (183-yr.-old) Huntington House.”*** As of today we are up to 107 members. So, gratitude on their behalf as well.

I have also had positive press coverage on this topic and thank you for your contribution to those articles and interviews, Mayor Hanwell and School Superintendent Aaron Sable. Everyone involved has been quite cooperative – ***Thank You!***

My goal this evening, Councilmen, Mayor Hanwell, is to request that your designees and I sit down soon, and come to a mutually agreeable project scope and timeline for the Huntington House project.

Perhaps crafting an MOU or a Letter of Intent will show we are all on the same page? An agreement by all parties will serve to demonstrate that I have your support when volunteers and donations are sought relative to the rehab and restoration of this house.

I intend to pursue a number of different options, with my ultimate goal to *preserve and protect this important historical structure for community-wide use and benefit.*

Please understand that I AM committed to making this a SUCCESSFUL project.

In order to ensure success, I have begun the “Articles of Incorporation” and intend to file as soon as possible for tax-exempt status as a 501 (c) (3) charitable, educational, public benefit organization. We are called, **“Building Blocks Preservation Group.”**

I have also been in conversation with Michelle Powell of “Let’s Make a Difference” about working together on this effort, since she has successfully run a nonprofit in Ward 1 for the past 19 years – and the project seems destined.

I will keep the city informed as I work toward making this a **win-win** for all of us.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

