

## MEDINA CITY COUNCIL

Monday, April 8, 2019

### **Opening:**

Medina City Council met in regular, open session on Monday, April 8, 2019. The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by President of Council John Coyne. Special guest Jason Darrell who led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

### **Roll Call:**

The roll was called with the following members of Council present D. Simpson, B. Starcher, J. Coyne, E. Heffinger, B. Lamb, P. Rose and J. Shields.

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

### **Minutes:**

Mr. Shields moved that the minutes from the regular meeting on Monday, March 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. Starcher, E. Heffinger, B. Lamb, P. Rose, J. Shields and D. Simpson. Mr. Coyne abstained since he was absent from that meeting.

### **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 stated they met prior to the Finance Committee with an update from the Service Director Nino Piccoli on the Sanitation Budget and Recycling.

Public Properties Committee: Mr. Shields had no report.

Special Legislation Committee: Mr. Lamb stated there is a meeting scheduled Monday, April 15<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m. with Girl Scout Troop #91646 from Ella Canavan to discuss issues related to reducing solid waste and single use plastic bags.

Streets & Sidewalks Committee: Mr. Heffinger stated S. Broadway brick road reconstruction was moved to Finance committee where it was discussed and voted not to assess the property owners for the reconstruction of the brick road. Working on changing some things on the current ordinance.

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

Emerging Technologies Committee: Mr. Rose had no report and no meetings scheduled.

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

#### **Finance Committee**

19-066-4/8 – Expenditure Over \$15,000 – Fire Safety Services

19-067-4/8 – Then & Now – Pradco – Fire Dept.

- 19-068-4/8 – General Liability Insurance Renewal – USI
- 19-069-4/8 – Amend P&Z Code, Expand Downtown Parking District Number 1
- 19-070-4/8 – Bids, Job #1033: Lafayette Road Sidewalks
- 19-071-4/8 – Agreement w/ Ohio Edison – Pole Removals & Relocations
- 19-072-4/8 – City Hall Parking Structure – Design Build Contractor
- 19-073-4/8 – Real Estate Purchase Agreement – Vacant Land on S. Elmwood
- 19-074-4/8 – Revision to Job Descriptions, Amend 31.07 S&B Code
- 19-075-4/8 – Budget Amendments
- 19-076-4/8 – Increase Expenditure to MNJ Technologies - MCRC

**Reports of Municipal Officers:**

**Dennis Hanwell, Mayor, reported**

- 1) 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 the 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.
- 2) Medina County Fiber to the home is taking place in Seville as well as Guilford and Westfield Townships. Build out will take about 18 months. Plan is to continue to install in Medina County with projected completion in five years. Demand and prioritization will be based on consumer surveys requesting the services. To take the survey, go to [www.medinafiber.com](http://www.medinafiber.com) ; must enter address first; then option to take survey will show up. This proposed project will bring much needed competition for internet, TV and phone services to our community. Broadband Neighborly is partnering with iFiber on this project and Medina County is an attractive market due to the publicly owned fiber ring already in place in our county due to investments by Medina County, and the cities of Brunswick, Medina, and Wadsworth.
- 3) City weekly newsletter - City of Medina earned 2018 Constant Contact All Star Award – recognizes the most successful 10 percent of constant contact customers. Currently have over 1250 subscribers with an open rate of 50% which is extremely high. Holli Scott, VP of Customer Success said “The campaigns created by this year's All Stars demonstrate that, regardless of its size, a business or community can accomplish their marketing goals and we celebrate the City of Medina's impressive achievements with this All Star Award.” Sign up for newsletter at city website [www.medinaoh.org](http://www.medinaoh.org) .

**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. They had several opportunities to help people with their taxes and Keith stated he attended 2 of them and the last one was on Saturday and there were 90 people there within an hour of opening, but the flow of people went well and they got everyone taken care of. Mr. Dirham also announced the birth of his first son, Bryson Richard Joshua Dirham who was born on March 28<sup>th</sup>. Mom and baby are doing well after a little respiratory support and several days in the NICU.

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

**Chief Kinney, Police Department**, had no report.

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

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

**Mike Wright, Recreation Center Director**, reported the new Spring/Summer Brochure will be available online by Wednesday, April 10<sup>th</sup> and copies will be in the Post News Paper this Saturday, April 13<sup>th</sup>. Hard copies will be available at the Rec Center for pick up on the 14<sup>th</sup>. Next scheduled Rec Advisory Board meeting will be held on Thursday, April 18<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 a.m.

**Chief Painter, Fire Department**, had no report.

**Jansen Wehrley, Parks and Recreation Director**, Jansen reported the Parks season is starting to ramp up with the nicer weather, and the permanent restroom facilities will be officially open the week of April 15<sup>th</sup>. Several projects are underway, currently reconstructing the dug outs at Reagan #6 baseball field. Second phase of North Court US 42 median landscaping project was completed last week. They intend to install trees in the medians on April 22<sup>nd</sup>. The Forestry Dept. has almost completed their spring tree planting. The Friends of the Cemetery have agreed to donate the purchase and installation of sixteen trees at Spring Grove Cemetery as well as provide spring pruning for all of the trees, their generosity and commitment is greatly appreciated.

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

**Patrick Patton, City Engineer**, Patrick advised this week the state and the governor signed the Ohio Motor Fuel tax increase of 18 cents for diesel fuel and 10.5 cents for gas. We've been told by ODOT that means a 62.5% of what we are currently getting for the motor fuel tax. Going from \$873,000.00 annual to a little over \$1.4 million dollars for a \$546,000.00 increase. Patrick stated they are grateful for the efforts of Senator Obhof, Representative Hambley, and Governor Dewine for getting this passed.

**Nino Piccoli, Service Director**, Nino reported the Sanitation Department will begin the Yard Waste Program starting Monday, May 6<sup>th</sup> through November 15<sup>th</sup>, 2019. There has been a 70% increase from what was collected in 2017 to 2018. Yard waste is defined as grass clippings, leaves, twigs, branches and shrubbery. They will not pick up dirt, rocks, sod, plastic pots, bags and food waste or gravel. Place items out same time as your regular trash pick up.

#### **Notices, Communications and Petitions**

There were none.

#### **Unfinished Business:**

There were none.

**Introduction of Visitors:**

There were none.

**Introduction and Consideration of Ordinances and Resolutions:**

**Ord. 054-19:**

**An Ordinance authorizing the expenditure of \$8,850.00 to the Medina County Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (SPCA) for animal related services for the year 2019.** Mr. Shields moved for the adoption of Ordinance/Resolution No. 054-19, seconded by Mr. Simpson. Mayor Hanwell stated unlike most cities, Medina City does not have an animal control officer. We found it much more prudent and responsible to coordinate the efforts with the Medina SPCA and they provide these services. This request for this year is for less than \$9,000.00 and there would be no way we could hire someone part time and pay them a salary and the necessary benefits that go along with that. Dennis thanked Councilman Rose for working with the board of the SPCA. Mr. Rose stated the board has made huge improvements over the previous years. In addition they go out and raise funds on their own. The roll was called and Ordinance/Resolution No. 054-19 passed by the yea votes of J. Coyne, E. Heffinger, B. Lamb, P. Rose, J. Shields, D. Simpson and B. Starcher.

**Ord. 055-19**

**An Ordinance authorizing the Mayor to advertise for competitive bids and to award a contract to the successful bidder for the 2019 Concrete Street Repair Program.** Mr. Shields moved for the adoption of Ordinance/Resolution No. 055-19, seconded by Mr. Simpson. Mr. Patton stated this is their annual Concrete Street Repair Program where they repair slabs of concrete pavement in various areas all across the city. This year they are asking for \$400,000.00. The roll was called and Ordinance/Resolution No. 055-19 passed by the yea votes of E. Heffinger, B. Lamb, P. Rose, J. Shields, D. Simpson, B. Starcher and J. Coyne.

**Ord. 056-19**

**An Ordinance authorizing the Mayor to advertise for competitive bids and to award a contract to the successful bidder for the 2019 Concrete Curb Installation Program.** Mr. Shields moved for the adoption of Ordinance/Resolution No. 056-19, seconded by Mr. Simpson. Mr. Patton stated this is their second curb installation program in the last couple years, they are trying to do one every other year, this one will be on East Liberty Street and run from North Broadway to Spring Grove. The roll was called and Ordinance/Resolution No. 056-19 passed by the yea votes of B. Lamb, P. Rose, J. Shields, D. Simpson, B. Starcher, J. Coyne and E. Heffinger.

**Res. 057-19:**

**A Resolution authorizing participation in the Ohio Department of Transportation's Cooperative Purchasing Program for the purchase of sodium chloride (rock salt).** Mr. Shields moved for the adoption of Ordinance/Resolution No. 057-19, seconded by Mr. Simpson. Mr. Shields moved that the emergency clause be added to Ordinance/Resolution No. 057-19, seconded by Mr. Simpson. Mr. Piccoli stated they received notification on March 19<sup>th</sup> with a deadline on a contract by April 19<sup>th</sup> for the 2019/2020 winter season. He is requesting 2,000 tons, same as last year. The roll was called on adding the emergency clause and was approved by the yea votes of

J. Shields, D. Simpson, B. Starcher J. Coyne, E. Heffinger, B. Lamb and P. Rose. The roll was called and Ordinance/Resolution No. 057-19 passed by the yea votes of P. Rose, J. Shields, D. Simpson, B. Starcher, J. Coyne, E. Heffinger and B. Lamb.

**Ord. 058-19:**

**An Ordinance amending Section 945.02 (g) of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Medina, Ohio relative to Park Restrictions.** Mr. Shields moved for the adoption of Ordinance/Resolution No. 058-19, seconded by Mr. Simpson. Jansen stated it came to his attention that a number of people were walking their dogs in the park off leash, and this posed a conflict for the safety of all park users and he is requesting an amendment to state that no person shall have a dog in a city park unless the dog is restrained by a leash not more than 8ft. in length and held by the person having the dog in the park, or the dog is inside the fence at the dog park. The roll was called and Ordinance/Resolution No. 058-19 passed by the yea votes of D. Simpson, B. Starcher, J. Coyne, E. Heffinger, B. Lamb, P. Rose and J. Shields.

**Ord. 059-19:**

**An Ordinance authorizing the expenditure to Signal Service Co. for emergency repairs at the intersections of S. Court Street and Koons Avenue for the Street Department.** Mr. Shields moved for the adoption of Ordinance/Resolution No. 059-19, seconded by Mr. Simpson. Mr. Shields moved that the emergency clause be added to Ordinance/Resolution No. 059-19, seconded by Mr. Simpson. Nino stated on January 20th this year during a snow event an unknown vehicle damaged the traffic signal control box and the amount for the temporary and permanent repairs was \$33,882.00 the contractor came out on that very day and performed the temporary repairs and we need to have this contractor paid 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 J. Coyne, E. Heffinger, B. Lamb, P. Rose, J. Shields, D. Simpson and B. Starcher. The roll was called and Ordinance/Resolution No. 059-19 passed by the yea votes of B. Starcher, J. Coyne, E. Heffinger, B. Lamb, P. Rose, J. Shields and D. Simpson.

**Ord. 060-19:**

**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 Ordinance 060-19 to be removed from the agenda, seconded by Mr. Simpson. The roll was called and Ordinance/Resolution No. 060-19 was removed from the agenda by the yea votes of E. Heffinger, B. Lamb, P. Rose, J. Shields, D. Simpson, B. Starcher and J. Coyne.

**Ord. 061-19:**

**An Ordinance authorizing the Mayor to enter into an Agreement with USI Insurance Services, LLC for the City's Property and General Liability Insurance for the period of April 1, 2019 through March 31, 2020.** Mr. Shields moved for the adoption of Ordinance/Resolution No. 061-19, seconded by Mr. Simpson. Mr. Shields moved that the emergency clause be added to Ordinance/Resolution No. 061-19, seconded by Mr. Simpson. Mayor Hanwell explained the reason for the emergency clause was due to the city not receiving it from USI until March 29th. The policy actually expired on April 1st, 2019 we asked them to bind the current policy over until

Council has the opportunity to review and approve this. This covers every piece of property and equipment that the City owns as well as our general liability insurance on buildings and everything. The roll was called on adding the emergency clause and was approved by the yea votes of P. Rose, J. Shields, D. Simpson, B. Starcher, J. Coyne, E. Heffinger and B. Lamb. The roll was called and Ordinance/Resolution No. 061-19 passed by the yea votes of B. Lamb, P. Rose, J. Shields, D. Simpson, B. Starcher, J. Coyne and E. Heffinger.

**Ord. 062-19:**

**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. 062-19, seconded by Mr. Simpson. Mr. Dirham stated this is to pay for a land acquisition that was discussed at Finance Committee earlier this evening. The roll was called and Ordinance/Resolution No. 062-19 passed by the yea votes of J. Shields, D. Simpson, B. Starcher J. Coyne, E. Heffinger, B. Lamb and P. Rose.

**Council Comments:**

Mr. Simpson congratulated Keith Dirham and his wife on the birth of their new son. He congratulated Mr. Lamb on another milestone, his birthday is today. Dennie mentioned that he attended 6 ribbon cuttings set up by the Administration, Kimberly Marshal and Mayor Hanwell. Most of them brought up the ease of starting a new business in Medina City and that stems from every department in city hall.

Mr. Heffinger congratulated the Dirham family and wished Mr. Lamb a happy birthday.

Mr. Starcher stated speaking of the department heads and the good job they do, this past Thursday he was on Hillview Way speaking to a resident and Mr. Wehrley pulled up in his truck and had a lengthy conversation with the concerned resident explaining the process of planting trees.

Mr. Lamb spoke of the resolution of the South Broadway brick road repair. Bill feels City Council has somehow arrived at a place where they can have a whole hearted discussion, air their opinions, agree and disagree, come to a resolution and all moves forward as ok.

Mr. Coyne stated the first budget meeting is on Wednesday, April 17<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 p.m. discussing the Rec Center which includes the Muni Pool and then the Municipal Airport.

**Adjournment:**

There being no further business before Council, the meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

  
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Kathy Patton, CMC - Clerk of Council

  
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John M. Coyne, President of Council