

MEDINA CITY COUNCIL

Monday, May 13, 2019

Opening:

Medina City Council met in regular, open session on Monday, May 13, 2019. The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by President of Council John Coyne who led in 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, D. Simpson, B. Starcher and J. Coyne.

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, Mike Wright, Kimberly Marshall, Janson Wehrley and Jonathon Mendel.

Minutes:

Mr. Shields moved that the minutes from the regular meeting on Monday, April 22, 2019 and the Special Meeting of April 24th, 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, D. Simpson, 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 had no report.

Public Properties Committee: Mr. Shields had no report.

Special Legislation Committee: Mr. Lamb had no report, stated the Special Legislation Meeting on the LGTBQ proposed legislation will be held on Monday, June 17th at 7 p.m.

Streets & Sidewalks Committee: Mr. Heffinger had no report.

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

Emerging Technologies Committee: Mr. Rose stated he is looking to schedule a meeting on June 19th with the Port Authority Representative for the Fiber Optic Network moving from the south to the north and how it can and will improve the City of Medina.

Requests for Council Action:

19-086-5/13 – Budget Amendments

19-087-5/13 – Request for Additional Staff Person – Clerk of Court

19-088-5/13 – PY19 CDBG Allocation Grant Application

19-089-5/13 – Request to Rezone 216, 222 & 226 S. Jefferson St. R-3 to M-U

19-090-5/13 – MCRC – Program & Activity Rate Change Proposal

19-091-5/13 – Amendment #11 to Delta Airport Consultants – North-Detention Basin

19-092-5/13 – Accept ODOT Resolution Re: Zoning Requirements for SR 18 Project

19-093-5/13 – Increase P.O. #2019-513 to Ohio Regional Development Corp – PY17 CHIP

Special Legislation Committee

19-094-5/13 – Amend Codified Ordinances Re: Building Demolitions

Reports of Municipal Officers:

Dennis Hanwell, Mayor, reported

- 1) Parking Deck - Construction of parking deck south of Medina City hall will commence shortly. 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 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 ; 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) National Police Officer Memorial week- May 12th – 18th
- 4) Farmer's Market s- Saturdays 9 a.m. – 1 p.m. on Public Square
- 5) Rolling Thunder Candlelight Vigil on Public Square, Saturday, May 18th 7 p.m. – 8 p.m.
- 6) Medina County Road Runners Half Marathon and 5k - Saturday, May 25th at 6:30 a.m.
- 7) Memorial Day May 27th – 10 a.m. Memorial Day Parade; 1:15 p.m. – Vietnam Veterans Memorial Dedication outside Medina County Veterans' Service Office, 210 Northland Drive.
- 8) Drug Court Awareness Day - Public Square - Wednesday, May 29th noon – 2 p.m.

Keith Dirham, Finance Director stated there is one item on the agenda that he will address when they get there. Keith informed the public that there is a budget meeting tomorrow.

Greg Huber, Law Director, had no report.

Chief Kinney, Police Department Stated the Police Memorial Week is this week starting on May 12th through the 18th and was enacted by President Kennedy in 1962 to honor Police Officers who have lost their lives in the line of duty. Friday at 7 p.m. the Sea of Blue youth event will take place at the Court House on Public Square. The event is organized by local youth to show appreciation for fallen officers. If the weather is bad the event will take place at Highland High School Auditorium.

Annual Kids Day of Safety and Play will be on June 1st at the Farmers Market on Public Square

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from 9 a.m. – 2 p.m. This is a collaboration between Main Street Medina and the Cleveland Clinic there will be exhibitors with interactive demonstrations highlighting safe living. Additionally, local safety forces will be in attendance with police cars, firetrucks and ambulances.

Kimberly Marshall, Economic Development Director, had no report.

Jonathan Mendel, Planning Community Director, had no report.

Chief Painter, Fire Department, had no report.

Mike Wright, Recreation Center Director, reported the Memorial Outdoor Pool is scheduled to open on Memorial Day from 11 a.m. – 7 p.m.

The schools have contracted with a paving company to repair areas at the front entrance of the rec parking lot and other problem areas. This will be completed after school lets out with a possible start date of June 3rd. Please note the only temporary entrance and exit for the rec will be the exit at the PAC.

The next scheduled Rec Advisory Board meeting will be this Thursday, May 16th, at 7:30 a.m. at the recreation center.

Jansen Wehrley, Parks and Recreation Director, reminded park users of the newly amended ordinance for park restrictions stating dogs in the city parks must be restrained by an eight foot leash to be held in your hand unless they are inside the fence at the Memorial Dog Park effective May 8th, 2019.

Splash Pads are scheduled to open Memorial Day Weekend, Fred Greenwood Park opens from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. and Ray Mellert Park will be open from 12 p.m. to 8 p.m.

There will be a new activated bollard installed at Fred Greenwood Park where you actually have to go up and push the button to turn the splash pad on. There is a scheduled shutdown on June 10th – 12th for installation.

Dan Gladish, Building Official, had no report.

Patrick Patton, City Engineer, the West Smith Road Project Phase 3 has been started between Commerce and Lake Rd. The road is closed but both intersections are open.

Nino Piccoli, Service Director, reported the Sanitation Department began the Yard Waste Program for this season. We ask that material containers are clearly marked and visible. Please place contents on the tree lawn same day as regular trash pickup.

The Water Department is currently proceeding with our hydrant flushing program and they are currently operating in Ward 4 in the West Sturbridge, Oak, Dover and Waterbury areas. At times, discolored water may result from the same. Please be advised to flush cold water through faucet until the water runs clear. Should residents or businesses have any questions or concerns please call the water office at 330-722-9081 during weekday business hours.

Notices, Communications and Petitions

Liquor Permit:

Mr. Shields moved not to object to the issuance of a D-2 permit to Grab N Go Firewood LLC, dba Grab N Go Beverage & Market 236 N. State Rd. Motion seconded by Mr. Simpson and approved by the yea votes of P. Rose, J. Shields, D. Simpson, B. Starcher, J. Coyne, E. Heffinger and B. Lamb.

Unfinished Business:

There were none.

Introduction of Visitors:

Adam Kristowsky resides at 985 Norwegian Wood Drive, in Strawberry Fields Development and borders Carlise Brake and Friction. 6 months ago they completed a 150,000 sq. ft. expansion and since then the amount of noise at all hours of the day, 7 days a week has got to an unacceptable level. Adam stated he was told that several members of city council were going to reach out to Carlise and see if they could arrange some kind of meeting with them to discuss the noise concerns and is here tonight to see if there has been any action on this. Mr. Shields stated that Dan Gladish is the main contact person and he was out of the office last week for training and this is his first day back so we were going to meet and talk about setting up a meeting with Carlise.

Introduction and Consideration of Ordinances and Resolutions:

Res. 074-19:

A Resolution authorizing the adoption of the Medina County 2019 All Hazard and Flood Mitigation Plan Update. Mr. Shields moved for the adoption of Ordinance/Resolution No. 074-19, seconded by Mr. Simpson. The roll was called and Ordinance/Resolution No. 074-19 passed by the yea votes of J. Shields, D. Simpson, B. Starcher J. Coyne, E. Heffinger, B. Lamb and P. Rose.

Ord. 075-19:

An Ordinance amending Section 31.02€ of the Salaries and Benefits Code of the City of Medina, Ohio relative to the Salary Schedule pertaining to Lifeguards at the Medina Community Recreation Center. Mr. Shields moved for the adoption of Ordinance/Resolution No. 075-19, seconded by Mr. Simpson. Mr. Shields moved that the emergency clause be added to Ordinance/Resolution No. 075-19, seconded by Mr. Simpson. Mr. Wright stated this is to increase the lifeguard starting rate from minimum wage of \$8.55 an hour to \$9.46 an hour. The rate is based on a report from the Ohio Parks and Recreation Associations study from 2018. The current lack of lifeguards has already caused our competition pool to have closures of 19 hours per week for the last couple of weeks. We hope to make this change as soon as possible which is why we requested the emergency clause. The roll was called on adding the emergency clause and was approved by the yea votes of B. Starcher, J. Coyne, E. Heffinger, B. Lamb, P. Rose, J. Shields and D. Simpson. The roll was called and Ordinance/Resolution No. 075-19 passed by the yea votes of D. Simpson, B. Starcher, J. Coyne, E. Heffinger, B. Lamb, P. Rose and J. Shields.

Ord. 076-19:

An Ordinance amending Section 903.01 (b)(3) of the codified ordinances of the City of Medina, Ohio relative to repair and reconstruction of Red Brick Streets. Mr. Shields moved for the adoption of Ordinance/Resolution No. 076-19, seconded by Mr. Simpson. Mr. Huber stated this ordinance changes the procedure for how we decide whether or not to assess on red brick streets in the City of Medina. It takes away and changes the previous procedure that required the resident adjacent property owners gathering together for a petition on a question of assessment. It gives to the city council the ability to not assess. Mr. Huber feels changing this procedure is for the better. Mr. Patton stated this came out of their discussions about South Broadway, currently there are only two red brick streets, the other one being North Elmwood. Mr. Coyne stated he believed they talked about language regarding that we believe these are historical and they are a significant value to the City of Medina but he doesn't know if this is the appropriate ordinance to put that in. He thinks maybe a different one about the historic nature of the streets. Mr. Heffinger feels it is important that they make sure they pass this with something that says why we did this. Mr. Coyne explained they will include that language when they pass the ordinance for the reconstruction of South Broadway Street. The roll was called and Ordinance/Resolution No. 076-19 passed by the yea votes of J. Coyne, E. Heffinger, B. Lamb, P. Rose, J. Shields, D. Simpson and B. Starcher.

Ord. 077-19:

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. 077-19, seconded by Mr. Simpson. Mr. Dirham stated that there are two amendments, the first is to pay for the engineering for the Airport detention basin project and the second is a pass through of a grant. The roll was called and Ordinance/Resolution No. 077-19 passed by the yea votes of E. Heffinger, B. Lamb, P. Rose, J. Shields, D. Simpson, B. Starcher and J. Coyne.

Council Comments:

Mr. Starcher mentioned Police Memorial Week and that there are four Medina County law enforcement officers that have lost their lives in the line of duty: John Gates, Joseph Baca, Carl Summers and Mark Decker. The Light Ohio Blue Campaign coincides with activities associated with police week. This year the campaign runs from Wednesday, May 8th to Thursday, May 16th. Wednesday, May 15th is Police Memorial Day and encourages all Medina City employees to wear blue and tell your friends, family and neighbors why you are doing that! This shows support for Law Enforcement Officers not just in Medina but throughout the United States. Bob personally thanked all members of Medina Police Departments, civilian and sworn officers for their dedication to the City of Medina.

Mr. Heffinger also thanked all police officers and all our safety service people that are continually out there every single day for us in the city.

In an effort to continually make this city more accessible, accountable and efficient, we started doing the Farmer's Market tables again and that was this past weekend. He and Mr. Nino Piccoli spent their Saturday at the Farmer's Market.

Mr. Simpson echoed what Councilman Starcher said about our law enforcement officers.

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Denny stated he doesn't think they have ever turned down any requests for safe items and states that anything they can do to keep their safety forces safe they do so positively.

Mr. Lamb echoed Mr. Simpsons' sentiments, he has always felt safe in his neighborhood. He reported he has started a partnership to do laundry for lower income families in Medina who have struggled to wash kid's clothes and they go to our schools. We partnered with Garfield School and UCC Church and North Court Laundry and in the last two weeks we have distributed \$500 in coupons thanks to donations to families to do laundry. Drug Mart recently donated enough laundry detergent to do 900 loads of laundry.

On the issue that we have discussed occasionally on sustainability we had the meeting with Girl Scouts, and there has been an organization nonprofit called Sustain ED Ohio and they got approval to start a community garden on county property just east of the parking deck.

Champion Creek Cleanup which Ward Three Councilman Mark Kolesar started years ago will continue and it's on Saturday, July 20th.

Rocking the Court, the big music event on South Court and Broadway St. – June 8th 4 p.m. – 7 p.m.

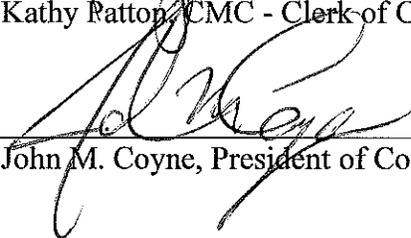
Mr. Coyne stated there is a budget meeting tomorrow evening for the Water Department at 5:30 p.m.

Adjournment:

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



Kathy Patton, CMC - Clerk of Council



John M. Coyne, President of Council