

MEDINA CITY COUNCIL

Tuesday, May 28, 2019

**Opening:**

Medina City Council met in regular, open session on Tuesday, May 28, 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 B. Lamb, P. Rose, J. Shields, D. Simpson, B. Starcher, J. Coyne and E. Heffinger.

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

**Minutes:**

Mr. Shields moved that the minutes from the regular meeting on Monday, May 13th, 2019 as prepared and submitted by the Clerk be approved. The roll was called and the motion passed by the yea votes of P. Rose, J. Shields, D. Simpson, B. Starcher, J. Coyne, E. Heffinger and B. Lamb.

**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 stated he has two meetings scheduled, one on demolition procedures in the code scheduled for June 13<sup>th</sup>, and the other meeting is on LGTBQ protection scheduled for June 17<sup>th</sup>.

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

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

Emerging Technologies Committee: Mr. Rose had no report but has a scheduled meeting on June 19<sup>th</sup>.

**Requests for Council Action:**

- 19-095-5/28 – Grant Application – Bryne JAG Grant
- 19-096-5/28 – Amend Ord. 75-19 – MCRC Lifeguard Pay Effective Date
- 19-097-5/28 – Bids, North Taxiway Extension
- 19-098-5/28 – Wheeling & Lake Erie Railroad Crossing Agreement
- 19-099-5/28 – Rezone 1088 S. Court St. – R-3 to C-3
- 19-100-5/28 – Increase Exp. – Core & Main – Water Dept.
- 19-102-5/28 – Purchase 2019 F550 Ford Series SD – Street Dept.

**Reports of Municipal Officers:**

**Dennis Hanwell, Mayor**, spoke of the Memorial Day Parade and how proud he is of this community. The number of folks that came out and filled up the square on both sides of the street as well as all along Liberty Street between the Square and the Cemetery, just a strong reverence and respect for the Veterans and he very much appreciated it.

- 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 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.
- 2) Farmer's Markets - began on Saturday, May 18th on Public Square and will continue into the fall from 9 a.m. – 1 p.m. each Saturday.
- 3) Drug Court Awareness event on Public Square, May 29th noon – 2 p.m.
- 4) MCS end of school dance party on Square, May 30<sup>th</sup> 5 p.m. -7 p.m.
- 5) Sat. June 1st Kids Day of Play on Square – MSM – 9 a.m. – 2 p.m.
- 6) Sat. June 1st Ormaco Jazz Under the Stars on Square 7 p.m. – 9 p.m.
- 7) Medina Community Band concert - Square, June 7th at 8:30 p.m.

**Keith Dirham, Finance Director** stated there is one item on the agenda that he will address when they get there.

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

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

**Kimberly Marshall, Economic Development Director**, - Absent.

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

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

**Mike Wright, Recreation Center Director**, thank all the patrons who came out to the Memorial Pool yesterday although it was a little chilly in the morning to swim the pool was at 78 degrees and climbing. Some bad weather is expected this week so watch for closings on their Face Book page. Also, please note, that if the outdoor pool is closed, the entire rec center is available to all season members and pass holders, you are not just limited to the pools at the rec on those days.

The roof project has begun. This will run through September so please be patient with field house and rec pool closing schedules.

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The parking lot repairs are scheduled to begin Monday, June 3rd, pending weather and the exit for the PAC will be the entrance and exit for those days of repair.

A special thank you to the Mayor and Miles Reed for presenting at two of the last three senior lecture series. The seniors greatly appreciate their presentations and they are always very informative.

The next scheduled Rec Advisory Board meeting will be this Thursday, June 18th, at 7:30 a.m. at the Recreation Center.

**Jansen Wehrley, Parks and Recreation Director**, had no report.

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

**Patrick Patton, City Engineer**, was absent.

**Nino Piccoli, Service Director**, reported the West Smith Road project is progressing, and will remain closed until mid-August of this year.

Ohio Edison is working on removing some old poles and adding new poles in and around the construction site for the new proposed parking structure. There will be an impact with power for some businesses and residents and the property owners will be notified ahead of the same.

City of Medina has issued a RFP for the parking structure – submittals for Design Build proposals will be due July 8, 2019 at 10 a.m.

Nino stated in the Service Department they have been dealing with numerous high grass violations. They have a process that they follow with respect to notification involving certified letters and at times publication in a local newspaper. Once the notification protocols are met the properties will be monitored and maintained throughout the year.

#### **Confirmation of Mayor's appointments.**

Business Development Committee – Bethany Dentler – Exp. 12/31/19  
CRA Housing Council – Bethany Dentler – Exp. 12/31/21

Mr. Shields moved to approve the Mayor's appointments, seconded by Mr. Simpson. The roll was called on the Mayor's appointments and was approved by the yeas of J. Shields, D. Simpson, B. Starcher, J. Coyne, E. Heffinger, B. Lamb and P. Rose.

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

##### **Unfinished Business:**

There were none.

**Introduction of Visitors:**

Dan White resides at 961 Norwegian Wood Drive. Mr. White spoke of how his family loves the City of Medina and have lived here for the last 10 years. His concerns are with Carlisle Brake and Friction factory and the loud noises and bad smells they are forced to deal with on a daily basis. He would love to find some kind of solution in a natural sense such as possibly building a mound like the Country Club has with pine trees or something of that nature to help block that off.

Mr. Shields gave an update on the situation stating they recently as of last Friday had a meeting with Carlisle Brake and their plant manager and safety director. Jim expressed the resident's concerns in detail, they walked the perimeter of the building. The mound is probably not an option because they pulled out a lot of dirt in the area where they want to expand eventually, so it wouldn't make sense to bring dirt back in. The other thing they realized is that a large portion of the woods behind their property belongs to the Ohio Army Reserves, The National Guard. It doesn't belong to Carlisle. They spoke to Carlisle about a possible sound wall, and they stated it is not in their budget right now to put one up. The City will help look into possible grants and some funding. The City also asked them for some restrictions on the hours of operations. Jim feels it was a good meeting where the City let them know the concerns from the ward meeting and from emails Mr. Gladish has received from residents, they were going to go back and see what they could address to help us out with some of those issues and so we are in the early stages, we just had that meeting on Friday. Mr. Shields stated that was the first time he ever met with Carlisle directly and they were very open to trying to being a good neighbor. They heard us, they took good notes, and they said to let them see what they can do about some of these things and they will get back to us. Once we have an answer we will share that with the neighborhood as well.

Mayor Hanwell stated in this facility they have special bases under these 30 ton presses so they come down and stamp the machine and you could be standing 3 feet away and you don't feel the floor vibrate. The reason for that is the foundation is on rubber so it absorbs the impact which then lessens the sound and it seems to him a great deal of the sounds seems to be coming from when they are taking the scrap metal out and putting it in the bins which are on the house side of the property. We talked to them about possibly moving it but they built an overhang probably 30 to 40 foot overhang with these large gondolas, and so it's not a matter of moving the bin. We talked to them about restricting taking that scrap outside even if they had to put it in larger bins inside and then during the day take it outside where it's not as problematic as in the middle of the night. Mayor Hanwell stated they were very receptive to our concerns and what we need to accomplish, and we are hopeful we can work to a positive resolution.

Roselia White resides at 961 Norwegian Wood Dr. spoke of liking the City of Medina but when she plays in the woods behind her home she often experiences bad odors and sometimes gets dizzy from the smell. The lights from the Carlisle factory are very bright but the trees having leaves on them now helps a lot.

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

**Ord. 078-19:**

**An Ordinance amending Ordinance No. 75-19, passed May 13, 2019,** relative to the Salary Schedule pertaining to Lifeguards at the Medina Community Recreation Center. Mr. Shields moved for the adoption of Ordinance/Resolution No. 078-19, seconded by Mr. Simpson. Mr. Shields moved that the emergency clause be added to Ordinance/Resolution No. 078-19, seconded by Mr. Simpson. Mr. Dirham stated when they passed this amendment to the life guard pay they didn't specify when it would begin. Keith specified that it begins at the beginning of a pay period so we are not paying lifeguards two different rates in the same pay period. The roll was called on adding the emergency clause and was approved by the yeas 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. 078-19 passed by the yeas votes of D. Simpson, B. Starcher, J. Coyne, E. Heffinger, B. Lamb, P. Rose and J. Shields.

**Ord. 079-19:**

**An Ordinance amending the Program and Activity Fee Structure for the Medina Community Recreation Center.** Mr. Shields moved for the adoption of Ordinance/Resolution No. 079-19, seconded by Mr. Simpson. Mike Wright stated that Ord. 79-19 is to update their Program and Activity Fees. These numbers are setting maximum fees charged and do not necessarily reflect what they are going to be. The reason they took off the "Special and Community Events Fee Structure" is that those were deemed too broad of fees. Council wanted us to narrow down what those charges will be and how they will be assessed. The roll was called and Ordinance/Resolution No. 079-19 passed by the yeas votes of J. Coyne, E. Heffinger, B. Lamb, P. Rose, J. Shields, D. Simpson and B. Starcher.

**Ord. 080-19:**

**An Ordinance authorizing the Mayor to enter into Amendment No. 11 to the Agreement with Delta Airport Consultants, Inc. to provide design and consulting work for the North Detention Basin Project at the Medina Municipal Airport.** Mr. Shields moved for the adoption of Ordinance/Resolution No. 080-19, seconded by Mr. Simpson. Mr. Huber stated they are required by the County of Medina to construct a detention basin to handle surface water runoff at the Medina Airport this agreement is an agreement between the city of Medina and Delta Airport Consultants who are our engineers at the airport that authorize the payment to Delta for the design work and the coordination with the FAA on the plans for this construction. The roll was called and Ordinance/Resolution No. 080-19 passed by the yeas votes of E. Heffinger, B. Lamb, P. Rose, J. Shields, D. Simpson, B. Starcher and J. Coyne.

**Ord. 081-19:**

**An Ordinance authorizing the increase of the expenditure to Ohio Regional Development Corporation for the PY18 CHIP Fair Housing Program.** Mr. Shields moved for the adoption of Ordinance/Resolution No. 081-19, seconded by Mr. Simpson. Mr. Mendel stated this is to increase the existing P.O. that they have for paying out ORDC who are their hired consultant to administer their CHIP program. They need to increase it by \$2,000 to help pay for the Fair Housing portion of their contract. The roll was called and Ordinance/Resolution No. 081-19 passed by the

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yea votes of B. Lamb, P. Rose, J. Shields, D. Simpson, B. Starcher, J. Coyne and E. Heffinger.

**Res. 082-19:**

**A Resolution authorizing the Mayor to file an application for grant assistance with the Bureau of Justice Assistance, U.S. Department of Justice for the Edward Byrne Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program for the Police Department.** Mr. Shields moved for the adoption of Ordinance/Resolution No. 082-19, seconded by Mr. Simpson. Mr. Shields moved that the emergency clause be added to Ordinance/Resolution No. 082-19, seconded by Mr. Simpson. Chief Kinney stated this grant would fund a Traffic Enforcement Officer to be a partial grant for this salary. The emergency clause is requested due to the grant application is due June 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2019. 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. 082-19 passed by the yea votes of P. Rose, J. Shields, D. Simpson, B. Starcher, J. Coyne, E. Heffinger and B. Lamb.

**Council Comments:**

Mr. Heffinger stated this is the last week of school so all the kids will be out this summer so please drive safely there will be a lot of children around where they are not usually around. Eric told the kids to enjoy their summer because he will as a teacher.

This weekend is the annual Kid's Day of Safety on the Square, our third year having a city table there.

Mr. Simpson directed his comment to the Mayor and Mr. Piccoli stating that every year the presentation of the Spring Grove Cemetery and he thanked the cemetery sexton James Hoyt and his staff for always doing a remarkable job not only with the cleanliness and the shape of the chapel and mausoleum, but the grounds with the wet season we've had so far and how everything looked so good.

Mr. Rose had the privilege of serving on the Municipal Court Jury and recommends it because you get to see how the city actually works or at least go and watch how a court proceeding goes. Paul thanked all the Veterans for their services; some gave some and some gave all. For those that gave all they are the reason we are able to do what we do here today, that we have our freedoms, so keep that in mind anytime you see a veteran.

Mr. Simpson stated he misquoted and is always used to praising Mr. Piccoli but the praise should have went more so this time to Mr. Wehrley our Parks Director.

Mr. Lamb stated the date for the demolition Special Legislative meeting is Wednesday, June 12<sup>th</sup>. He reported the community garden is well on its way, they are working on a lease with the County. He stated he was at the Farmer's Market and he wanted to thank Eric Heffinger the Ward 3 Councilman for organizing the administration's outreach.

Bill spoke of a couple from Michigan that were in town for a wedding and they had never been to Medina, they asked many questions about the architecture of the Courthouse and how the Square

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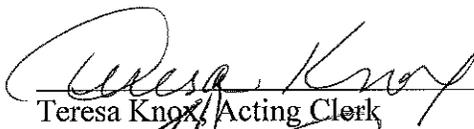
ended up like it was. They were completely taken aback by the Historic District in Medina.

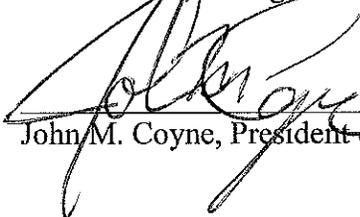
Rocking the Court music event on South Court Street is June 8<sup>th</sup> 4-7 p.m. (north end of South Court and around the corner and up South Broadway) Ten bands, food trucks, food stations and fun things to do.

The Design Committee Community Garden Party is on June 22, tickets are available at Cool Beans, Miss Molly's, Root Company and Visitor Bureau. He thanked everyone that donated to the laundry program

**Adjournment:**

There being no further business before Council, the meeting adjourned at 8:06 p.m.

  
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Teresa Knox, Acting Clerk

  
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John M. Coyne, President of Council

