

MEDINA CITY COUNCIL  
Monday, February 26th, 2018

**Opening:**

Medina City Council met in regular, open session on Monday, February 26, 2018. 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 M. Kolesar, B. Lamb, L. Parnell-Cavey, P. Rose, J. Shields, D. Simpson, and J. Coyne.

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

**Minutes:**

Mr. Shields moved that the minutes from the regular meeting on February 12, 2018 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 of B. Lamb, L. Parnell-Cavey, P. Rose, J. Shields, D. Simpson, J. Coyne, and M. Kolesar.

**Reports of Standing Committees:**

Finance Committee: Mr. Coyne stated they met prior to tonight's Council meeting and will meet again in two weeks.

Health, Safety & Sanitation Committee: Mr. Kolesar had no meeting scheduled but mentioned the County wants to wait until 2020 before deciding what to do in regards to recycling.

Public Properties Committee: Mr. Shields stated they met recently and will be scheduling another follow up meeting.

Special Legislation Committee: Mr. Lamb stated they held a meeting and discussed term limits and whether or not they are beneficial. Mr. Lamb reported the majority there felt it wasn't the way to go, but agreed we need to work to get people interested, involved, and engaged in the process of local government. He also has a proposal in to discuss expanding the Historic District, which he feels he needs to do some more homework on the topic first before bringing to Council.

Streets & Sidewalks Committee: Mr. Simpson is looking to schedule a meeting in March.

Water & Utilities Committee: Ms. Parnell-Cavy had no report.

Emerging Technologies Committee: Mr. Rose had no report.

**Requests for Council Action:**

**Finance Committee**

18-038-2/26 – Budget Amendments

18-039-2/26 – Sustainable Medina County Donation/Funding Request

18-040-2/26 – Then & Now – Cargill Invoice

18-041-2/26 – Then & Now – Access

- 18-042-2/26 – Then & Now – Medina City & Montville Twp. JEDD Payments
- 18-043-2/26 – Amend Codified Ord. 549.08 – Discharging Firearms
- 18-044-2/26 – Authorize 2017 Financial Audit w/ Auditor of State
- 18-045-2/26 – Bike Helmet Safety Awareness Grant
- 18-046-2/26 – Expenditure – Annual Software Support – Software Solutions
- 18-047-2/26 – Purchase 2018 Ford F250 Truck – Parks Dept.
- 18-048-2/26 – MMHA Supplemental for Continuum of Care
- 18-049-2/26 – Revocable Use Permit – Peaceworks
- 18-051-2/26 – Increase P.O. Forestry Department

**Public Properties Committee**

- 18-050-2/26 – Parks Department Reorganization

**Reports of Municipal Officers:**

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

- 1) Black History Month Celebration at Second Baptist Church, 451 Bronson St., on Thursday, February 22nd at 7 p.m. Very well attended by community, county, townships and city officials.
- 2) Thank you to Chief Painter, Chief Kinney, Service Director Piccoli, Engineer Pat Patton for coming in on their holiday, Monday, February 22nd as a result of a partial building collapse of a building in the 200 block of South Court. They worked entire day evacuating persons at risk, notifying business owners, contacting utility companies, and shutting down South Court for safety. Electric service has been rerouted and occupancy restored to all except the damaged building. Working with gas crews for new gas line and new service laterals to the affected businesses on east side of South Court and south side of East Washington.
- 3) Bicentennial events for March focus on many contributions of women in Medina’s history:
  - a. Living History Characters at Medina Library, Saturday March 10, 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.; characters such as Freida Snyder, Wilda Bell and Letha House.
  - b. Opportunity for women’s groups to present their programs- check website for further info at [www.medina200.com](http://www.medina200.com) .
  - c. A tea is planned that will provide a program on women in Medina history- check [www.medina200.com](http://www.medina200.com) for more information.

**Keith Dirham, Finance Director,** Keith reminded residents they are required to file income tax returns with the City. We have switched income tax collections from CCA to RITA. There is no change in rates, no change in who has to pay, it’s just a change in who is collecting the tax on behalf of the City of Medina. We will have RITA come down here to Medina and help out the tax payers and those dates will be in March and April. There will be a Utility Rate Review meeting tomorrow.

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

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**Chief Kinney, Police Chief**, Thanked the public for their understanding and continued patience as Columbia Gas works on the issues with the collapsed building on South Court St.

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

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

**Chief Painter, Fire Chief**, spoke of fire classifications over the years and evaluations from the Insurance Company, and they currently have a special evaluation of Class 3 certification including both Townships.

**Mike Wright, Recreation Center Director**, was absent and had no report.

**Jansen Wehrley, Parks and Recreation Director**, stated they do have seasonal labor positions posted on the Civil Service page on the Medina City website.

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

**Patrick Patton, City Engineer**, ODOT is getting ready to start the second phase on Rt. 42. There will be an Open House held Thursday, March 8<sup>th</sup> at Fire Station 1, 300 W. Reagan Parkway for more information.

**Nino Piccoli, Service Director**, reported that Columbia gas is installing a temporary gas line for the businesses and resident on South Court in relation to the building collapse.

**Mayoral appointment:**

Utility Rate Review Commission – Christopher Gates (Commercial Rep.) – exp. 12/31/18

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

**Notices, Communications and Petitions:**

There were none.

**Unfinished Business:**

There was none.

**Introduction of Visitors:**

There were none.

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

**Ord. 026-18**

**An Ordinance authorizing the expenditure of \$90,000.00 to Signal Service Company for**

**various traffic signal and control services for the Street Department.** Mr. Shields moved for the adoption of Ordinance/Resolution No. 026-18, seconded by Mr. Simpson. Mr. Shields moved that the emergency clause be added to Ordinance/Resolution No. 026-18, seconded by Mr. Simpson. Nino Piccoli stated there were two separate incidents, and they are working with the Law Department in an effort to obtain restitution. \$50,000 is from the two incidents, and the remaining \$40,000 is necessary for the day to day operations. He is requesting the emergency clause so that they can pay the vendor and move forward with the repairs as necessary. The roll was called on adding the emergency clause and was approved by the yea votes of J. Shields, D. Simpson, J. Coyne, M. Kolesar, B. Lamb, L. Parnell-Cavey, and P. Rose. The roll was called and Ordinance/Resolution No. 026-18 passed by the yea votes of P. Rose, J. Shields, D. Simpson, J. Coyne, M. Kolesar, B. Lamb, and L. Parnell-Cavey.

**Ord. 027-18**

**An Ordinance authorizing the expenditure of \$26,104.00 to MNJ Technologies for a mail server upgrade to Microsoft Exchange 2016 for the City of Medina.** Mr. Shields moved for the adoption of Ordinance/Resolution No. 027-18, seconded by Mr. Simpson. Sergeant Zaremba stated this is to upgrade the current mail server system due to end of life on the 2016. The roll was called and Ordinance/Resolution No. 027-18 passed by the yea votes of D. Simpson, J. Coyne, M. Kolesar, B. Lamb, L. Parnell-Cavey, P. Rose, and J. Shields.

**Ord. 028-18**

**An Ordinance authorizing the expenditure of \$64,029.78 to Emergitech, Inc. for the annual subscription fees and related expenses for the computer aided dispatch and records management system for the Police Department.** Mr. Shields moved for the adoption of Ordinance/Resolution No. 028-18, seconded by Mr. Simpson. Chief Kinney stated this is an expenditure for their yearly maintenance contract on the computer aided dispatch and record management system. The roll was called and Ordinance/Resolution No. 028-18 passed by the yea votes of J. Coyne, M. Kolesar, B. Lamb, L. Parnell-Cavey, P. Rose, J. Shields, and D. Simpson.

**Ord. 029-18**

**An Ordinance authorizing the purchase of one (1) 2019 Freightliner XT Pro 60 Forestry Bucket Truck from Utility One Source Forestry Equipment, LLC to be used by the Forestry Department.** Mr. Shields moved for the adoption of Ordinance/Resolution No. 029-18, seconded by Mr. Simpson. Mr. Wehrley stated this will be replacing a 2001 GMC truck that has served the Forestry Department well over the years and this new truck will improve the safety and increase efficiencies and allow them to perform a greater scope of work at heights. The roll was called and Ordinance/Resolution No. 029-18 passed by the yea votes of M. Kolesar, B. Lamb, L. Parnell-Cavey, P. Rose, J. Shields, D. Simpson, and J. Coyne.

**Ord. 030-18**

**An Ordinance authorizing the Mayor to advertise for competitive bids and to award a contract to the successful bidder for the Guilford Boulevard Bridge Replacement Project.** Mr. Shields moved for the adoption of Ordinance/Resolution No. 030-18, seconded by Mr. Simpson. Mr. Patton stated this project will replace the twin culverts with a single structure. We have secured a \$605,000 grant through the State of Ohio and there will be a 45 day road closure.

The roll was called and Ordinance/Resolution No. 030-18 passed by the yea votes of B. Lamb, L. Parnell-Cavey, P. Rose, J. Shields, D. Simpson, J. Coyne, and M. Kolesar.

**Ord. 031-18**

**An Ordinance amending Section 31.07 of the Salaries and Benefits Code of the City of Medina, Ohio relative to accepting the revised job description for the Police Lieutenant Position.** Mr. Shields moved for the adoption of Ordinance/Resolution No. 031-18, seconded by Mr. Simpson. Chief Kinney stated this is a minor change to the Police Lieutenant job description removing the position of Investigative Specialist and adding in the recommended education Public Safety Leadership Academy. The roll was called and Ordinance/Resolution No. 031-18 passed by the yea votes of L. Parnell-Cavey, P. Rose, J. Shields, D. Simpson, J. Coyne, M. Kolesar, and B. Lamb.

**Ord. 032-18**

**An Ordinance authorizing the expenditure of \$11,758.00 to TAMCO for the end of term buyout of the Mitel VOIP Phone Equipment for the City of Medina.** Mr. Shields moved for the adoption of Ordinance/Resolution No. 032-18, seconded by Mr. Simpson. Mr. Shields moved that the emergency clause be added to Ordinance/Resolution No. 032-18, seconded by Mr. Simpson. Sergeant Zaremba stated the current lease is up and want to exercise the option to buy out in order to save money over the next three years. The roll was called on adding the emergency clause and was approved by the yea votes of J. Shields, D. Simpson, J. Coyne, M. Kolesar, B. Lamb, L. Parnell-Cavey, and P. Rose. The roll was called and Ordinance/Resolution No. 032-18 passed by the yea votes of P. Rose, J. Shields, D. Simpson, J. Coyne, M. Kolesar, B. Lamb, and L. Parnell-Cavey.

**Ord. 033-18**

**An Ordinance authorizing the Mayor to enter into the Frontier Services Agreement with Frontier Communications for the Mitel Phone Equipment and Voice Mail System for the City of Medina, Ohio.** Mr. Shields moved for the adoption of Ordinance/Resolution No. 033-18, seconded by Mr. Simpson. Mr. Shields moved that the emergency clause be added to Ordinance/Resolution No. 033-18, seconded by Mr. Simpson. Sergeant Zaremba stated this is the support contract for this system. Emergency is needed due to needing support on our system. The roll was called on adding the emergency clause and was approved by the yea votes of J. Coyne, M. Kolesar, B. Lamb, L. Parnell-Cavey, P. Rose, J. Shields, and D. Simpson. The roll was called and Ordinance/Resolution No. 033-18 passed by the yea votes of D. Simpson, J. Coyne, M. Kolesar, B. Lamb, L. Parnell-Cavey, P. Rose, and J. Shields.

**Res. 034-18**

**A Resolution supporting the Application by the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) District 3 to the Ohio Transportation Review Advisory Council (TRAC) for funding for the reconstruction and widening of SR 18 from Alder Drive in Medina City to Nettleton Road in Medina and Montville Townships.** Mr. Shields moved for the adoption of Ordinance/Resolution No. 034-18, seconded by Mr. Simpson. Mr. Shields moved that the emergency clause be added to Ordinance/Resolution No. 034-18, seconded by Mr. Simpson. Mr. Patton stated ODOT is asking that we commit to the \$250,000 towards this project for the right-

of-way phase part. If they can show support from the local communities earlier in the process it might benefit our application and look more favorably on awarding us these funds. Montville and Medina Township have already agreed to this, and we are recommending this as well. The roll was called on adding the emergency clause and was approved by the yeas votes of B. Lamb, L. Parnell-Cavey, P. Rose, J. Shields, D. Simpson, J. Coyne, and M. Kolesar. The roll was called and Ordinance/Resolution No. 034-18 passed by the yeas votes of M. Kolesar, B. Lamb, L. Parnell-Cavey, P. Rose, J. Shields, D. Simpson, and J. Coyne.

**Ord. 035-18**

**An Ordinance amending Ordinance No. 177-17, passed December 11, 2017. (Amendments to 2018 Budget)** Mr. Shields moved for the adoption of Ordinance/Resolution No. 035-18, seconded by Mr. Simpson. Mr. Dirham stated there are two items on this and the first one is money that we received from an insurance payout on a damaged vehicle and it needs to be appropriated so that we may purchase a replacement, and the second one are donations that are passing through. The roll was called and Ordinance/Resolution No. 035-18 passed by the yeas votes of L. Parnell-Cavey, P. Rose, J. Shields, D. Simpson, J. Coyne, M. Kolesar, and B. Lamb.

**Council Comments:**

Mr. Rose stated there was a tragedy here Thursday morning at Medina City Hall where a young man, a sophomore at Akron University tried to take his own life. Mr. Rose stated that there is nothing so permanent that you should take your own life for. Suicide is a permanent solution to a temporary problem, if you have problems, please go talk to someone, it's not worth taking your life over.

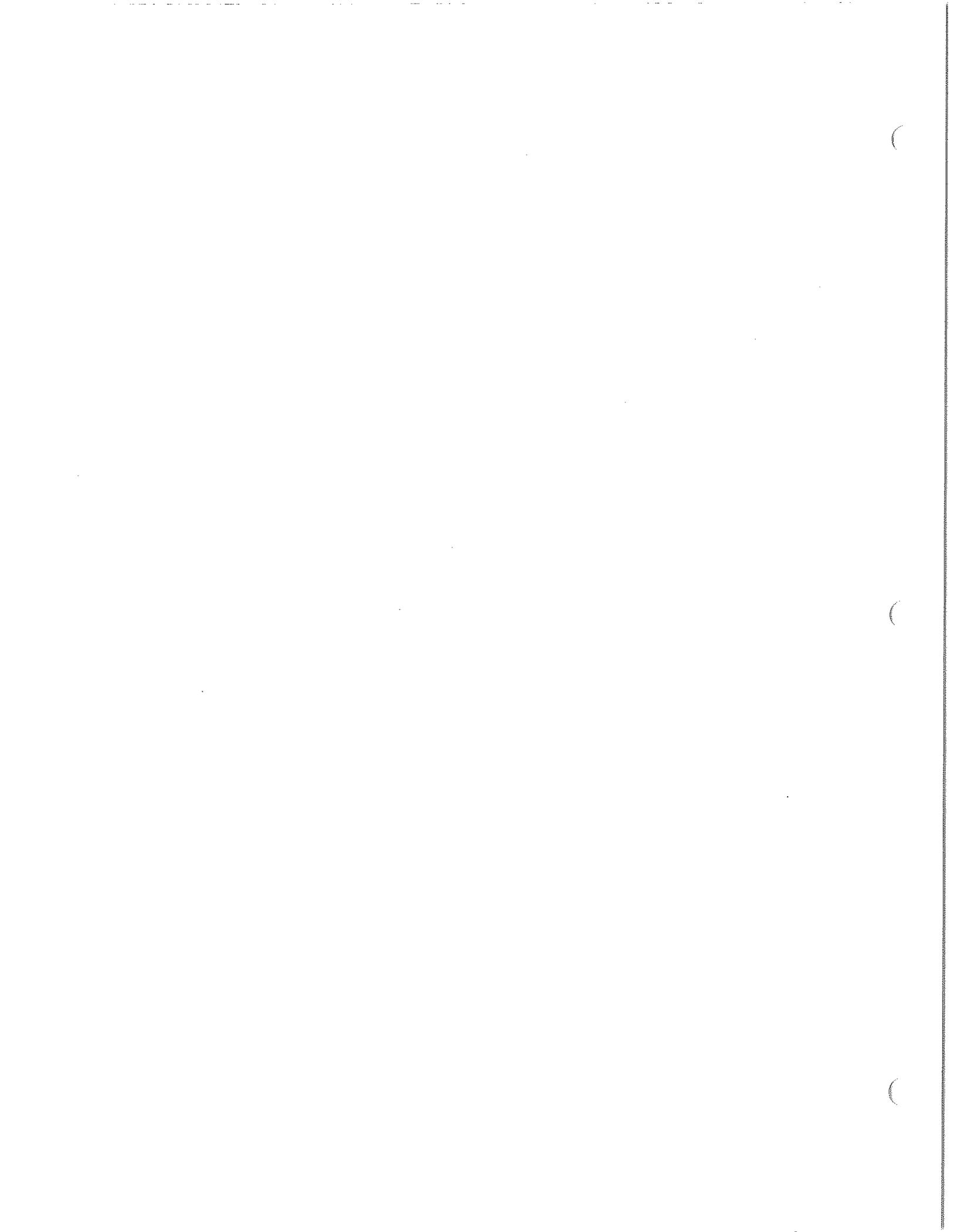
Mr. Lamb spoke of his non-profit The Village Orchard Project. The purpose of the project is to develop and select certain areas in town where we will plant and maintain a variety of fruit trees as well as complementing them with plants that are bee and bird nurturing. The idea is to start planting this spring. The first meeting will be held this Saturday at 9 a.m. at Cool Beans.

Mrs. Parnell-Cavey reported she has been contacted by a resident, Erin Cline, who is working with a partnership between Leadership Medina County and the Medina County District Library called the Human Library Project. They have a Facebook page called Human Library Medina Ohio where you can actually check-out a human to sit down and have a conversation with. You can schedule a 20 minute session with someone.

Mr. Simpson spoke of the school tragedy in Parkland Florida, he feels these tragedies should be addressed by the Federal Government. He suggested that everybody contact their State and Federal Legislators and tell them they need to step up and protect our kids.

Mr. Kolesar thanked the Administration and Mayor Hanwell. He stated VCS Salon and Spa had an expansion ceremony this past Friday and he was impressed to see the support from everyone letting our local businesses know just how important they are to us.

Mr. Coyne announced a joint meeting this Monday, March 5<sup>th</sup> at 6 p.m. with the Medina County Commissioners.

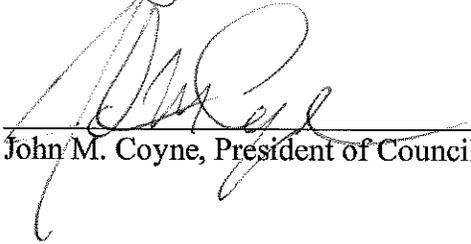


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**Adjournment:**

There being no further business before Council, the meeting adjourned at 8:04 p.m.

  
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Kathy Patton, CMC - Clerk of Council

  
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John M. Coyne, President of Council