

MEDINA CITY COUNCIL
Monday, November 13th, 2017

Opening:

Medina City Council met in regular, open session on Monday, November 13th. 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 B. Lamb, P. Rose, J. Shields, J. Coyne, B. Hilberg, and M. Kolesar.

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

Minutes:

Mr. Shields moved that the minutes from the regular meeting on Tuesday, October 23rd, 2017 as prepared and presented by the Clerk be approved, seconded by Mr. Simpson. The roll was called and the minutes were approved by the yeas of P. Rose, J. Shields, D. Simpson, J. Coyne, B. Hilberg, M. Kolesar, and B. Lamb.

Reports of Standing Committees:

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

Health, Safety & Sanitation Committee: Mr. Kolesar had no report. He stated he is waiting to see what the County is going to do in reference to the recycling center. He is excited to vote in a new Chief of Police tonight.

Public Properties Committee: Mr. Shields had no report.

Special Legislation Committee: Mr. Lamb had no report.

Streets & Sidewalks Committee: Mr. Simpson was absent.

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

Emerging Technologies Committee: Mr. Rose had no report.

Requests for Council Action:

Finance Committee

17-195-11/13 – Agreement for Health Insurance with Medical Mutual of Ohio

17-196-11/13 – Amend Chapter 133.01 – Association Memberships

17-197-11/13 – Budget Amendments

17-198-11/13 – Amend S&B Code, Section 31.07 – Bldg. & Properties Custodian

17-199-11/13 – Amend S&B Code, Section 31.05 – Police Department

17-200-11/13 – Credit Card Fees – Finance/IT Depts.

17-201-11/13 – RFP's Drug Screening and Related Professional Services

17-202-11/13 – Increase P.O. – L-3 Communications – Police Dept.

17-203-11/13 – S. Prospect – Emergency Transfer of Water Service Laterals

17-204-11/13 – Agreement to Install Sidewalks on Foundry Street
17-205-11/13 – Discussion – Save Historic Tax Credits Campaign
17-206-11/13 – Increase P.O. – Lake County Sewer Co. – Street Dept.

Reports of Municipal Officers:

Dennis Hanwell, Mayor, reported the following:

- 1) October 26, 2017 - Medina County Business Awards, the City of Medina was nominated for the award Outstanding Community Advocate. We were not selected as the winner, but the City was the only government agency in all four categories which speaks well to our efforts of customer friendly processes and timely response to community needs.
- 2) After Municipal reports are completed, I respectfully ask Council to confirm my appointment of Chief Edward Kinney as the new Police Chief for the City of Medina. Chief Kinney was hired by Medina 6/25/1997. He has served as a Patrol Officer, Community Policing Apartment Liaison Officer, Motorcycle Officer, Emergency Services Unit/SWAT member, Narcotics Officer, Detective, and most recently as a Sergeant. Chief Kinney tested with five other candidates and scored number one in the overall process. Chief Kinney is very interested in moving the department progressively forward and promoting community police initiatives for our community. We congratulate Chief Ed Kinney, his family and the Medina Police Department on his promotion.
- 3) Root Candle sponsors Candlelight Walk. Events include Tree and Downtown Lighting 7 p.m. on Friday, November 17th; Holiday Parade of Lights starts at Medina High School Saturday, November 18th at 5:30 p.m. and ends at Medina Square delivering Santa and Mrs. Claus. Fireworks will follow the parade weather permitting, and after safe area has been cleared of pedestrians and vehicles.

Keith Dirham, Finance Director, stated there are some budget amendments that originated with Finance and he will address those when they get there. He reminded the public that there is a water increase beginning January 1st, 2018. Keith stated he, Patrick Patton, and Nino Piccoli will be attending a Water Consortium meeting tomorrow to find out when the next increase will be. The City is switching from CCA to RITA for collection of our income tax beginning January 1st, 2018, and residents should be expecting notification of this by mail in the near future.

Greg Huber, Law Director, had no report, but welcomed Edward Kinney as the new Chief of Police.

Edward Kinney, Police Chief, reported he is working on 5 new hires in the department. One officer is actually is going to begin field training here in two weeks and the other 4 officers that we gave conditional offers to, will begin the academy in February. Currently, there is one officer in the academy and she graduates in January and then will begin her field training program. They

turned their Facebook page back on with almost 12,000 followers and he stated he feels it is a great tool for communication with the community. They are in the beginning stages of researching bringing back the canine program. Their goal is to have a canine team deployed in early to mid 2018. Tomorrow the Police Department is hold the annual Shop With a Cop Bake Sale here at City Hall. This is a fundraiser that benefits the less fortunate children.

Kimberly Marshall, Economic Development Director, stated this Friday there are a few ribbon cuttings scheduled. Jobs for Ohio's Graduate's new location at 257 South Court Street in Suite 1 at 10 a.m. At 11 a.m. Huntington Square Senior Apartments at 699 North Huntington Street. 1 p.m. will be for a new business ACC Adult Home Care located at 451 West Liberty. In Council's mailbox there is a copy of the 2018 Historic District Visitor Guide hot off the press. Kimberly thanked everyone for their donations in helping to offset the cost of printing.

Jonathon Mendel, Planning Community Director, had no report but congratulated Chief Kinney on his appointment.

Chief Painter, Fire Chief, had no report.

Mike Wright, Recreation Center Director, reported they have a Rec. Advisory Committee meeting this Thursday at 7:30 a.m. at the recreation center. He also congratulated Chief Kinney.

Jansen Wehrley, Parks and Recreation Director, reported the Forestry Department issued a revised work permit for First Energy Service Company to perform vegetation management along the various transmission corridors throughout town. The Parks Department will be performing the second round of the Visual Deer Survey on Tuesday and Thursday and once it is complete we will compile a report as part of our Deer Management process.

Dan Gladish, Building Official, had no report but congratulated the Police Chief.

Patrick Patton, City Engineer, updated everyone on the North Harmony bridge project should be completed within the next two weeks or so, and expect it to be open by the end of the month. West Smith is a couple weeks behind that, and he expects it to open sometime in mid-December. Patrick echoed everyone else in welcoming Chief Kinney.

Nino Piccoli, Service Director, stated the Leaf Program is moving forward. The website is updated daily with information www.medinaoh.org. We ask that you rake your leaves out to the curb, and they will be there to pick them up. Crews are prepping for the Candlelight Walk and repairing storm sewers throughout the city. He welcomed Chief Kinney.

Confirmation of Mayoral Appointments

Edward R. Kinney – Chief of Police/Oath of Office – effective 10/25/17

Mr. Shields moved to confirm the confirmation of the Mayor's appointment of Chief Kinney effective 10/25/17, seconded by Mr. Kolesar. The roll was called and approved by the yea votes

of J. Shields, J. Coyne, B. Hilberg, M. Kolesar, B. Lamb and P. Rose.

Bob Starcher – MCDAC Board – Expiring 12/31/2019

Mr. Shields moved to confirm the Mayor's appointment of Bob Starcher to the MCDAC Board, seconded by Mr. Kolesar. The roll was called and approved by the yea votes of J. Coyne, B. Hilberg, M. Kolesar, B. Lamb, P. Rose, and J. Shields.

Notices, Communications and Petitions:

Liquor Permit:

Mr. Shields moved not to object to the issuance of a D2 and D3 permit to North Rose Management Group, LLC 17 Public Square, Medina. Motion was seconded by M. Kolesar. The roll was called and approved by the yea votes of B. Hilberg, M. Kolesar, B. Lamb, P. Rose, J. Shields, and J. Coyne.

Unfinished Business:

There was none.

Introduction of Visitors: Matt Weiderhold, Director of Main Street Medina at 39 Public Square addressed Council to say that he is thankful for the City funding to MSM celebrating 10 years. In 2017 there is 100% occupancy downtown. They bring in over 100,000 visitors to events on the Square. The Candlelight walk is this weekend and is the 33rd annual.

Introduction and Consideration of Ordinances and Resolutions:

Ord. 162-17

An Ordinance authorizing an appraisal (Fair Market Value Estimate) for the Guilford Boulevard Bridge Rehabilitation Project. Mr. Shields moved for the adoption of Ordinance/Resolution No. 162-17, seconded by Mr. Simpson. Mr. Shields moved that the emergency clause be added to Ordinance/Resolution No. 162-17, seconded by Mr. Simpson. Mr. Patton stated the city received \$600,000.00 from the State of Ohio in federal funds for the replacement of the Guilford Blvd. Bridge and the project is slated to be constructed next summer. We have a right-of-way to acquire and are asking for the emergency clause to make the offer to the resident this week. The roll was called on adding the emergency clause and was approved by the yea votes of B. Lamb, P. Rose, J. Shields, J. Coyne, B. Hilberg, and M. Kolesar. The roll was called and Ordinance/Resolution No. 162-17 passed by the yea votes of M. Kolesar, B. Lamb, P. Rose, J. Shields, J. Coyne, and B. Hilberg.

Ord. 163-17

An Ordinance authorizing the payment of \$30,000.00 to Main Street Medina for the City's 2018 Membership Renewal. Mr. Shields moved for the adoption of Ordinance/Resolution No. 163-17, seconded by Mr. Simpson. Mayor Hanwell stated the City would not be in the position it is with our downtown, the vibrancy of it, and the desire for people to be in the downtown with their businesses, without the work of Main Street and the Main Street Board and the collaboration

with the City and the local businesses and many volunteers. He respectfully asked Council to approve the passage of \$30,000.00 toward Main Street for 2018. The roll was called and Ordinance/Resolution No. 163-17 passed by the yea votes of P. Rose, J. Shields, J. Coyne, B. Hilberg, M. Kolesar, and B. Lamb.

Ord. 164-17

An Ordinance authorizing the Mayor to enter into a First Amendment to the Master Agreement to Provide Services to an Aggregated Group between the City of Medina and First Energy Solutions Corp. Mr. Shields moved for the adoption of Ordinance/Resolution No. 164-17, seconded by Mr. Simpson. Mr. Piccoli stated the current Electric Aggregation Program is set to expire December 2018. With the current contract renewal, customers can opt out anytime with no penalty as well as opt back in at First Energy's website. This contract will be for a period of three years and will commence on January 1, 2019. It is based on a percentage off the price to compare for residents that will be 6% and for businesses it will be 4%. There is an annual grant attached with this in the amount of \$25,000 in the respective year of the contract. Mr. Kolesar stated that the last time this contract was in front of us, it was a nine year contract and he was not comfortable with that and he would like to see more renewable energy in this, but he will be in support. Mr. Coyne will abstain from voting since his employment represents First Energy. The roll was called and Ordinance/Resolution No. 164-17 passed by the yea votes of J. Shields, B. Hilberg, M. Kolesar, B. Lamb and P. Rose. J. Coyne abstained.

Ord. 165-17

An Ordinance amending Section 133.01 of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Medina, Ohio relative to Association Memberships. Mr. Shields moved for the adoption of Ordinance/Resolution No. 165-17, seconded by Mr. Simpson. Mr. Shields moved that the emergency clause be added to Ordinance/Resolution No. 165-17, seconded by Mr. Simpson. Mayor Hanwell stated this request is for the City to become a member of the Greater Akron Chamber of Commerce, the benefit of that is the City is looking to switch healthcare providers from United Healthcare to Medical Mutual of Ohio which we had previously, and by joining the chamber which costs the city \$400.00, they give us a 1.4% reduction over the premium cost which will save us \$29,400. The emergency clause is needed for the Mayor to sign the paperwork before the deadline. The roll was called on adding the emergency clause and was approved by the yea votes of B. Hilberg, M. Kolesar, B. Lamb, P. Rose, J. Shields, and J. Coyne. The roll was called and Ordinance/Resolution No. 165-17 passed by the yea votes of J. Coyne, B. Hilberg, M. Kolesar, B. Lamb, P. Rose, and J. Shields.

Ord. 166-17

An Ordinance amending Ordinance No. 167-16 passed December 12, 2016. (Amendments to 2017 Budget) Mr. Shields moved for the adoption of Ordinance/Resolution No. 166-17, seconded by Mr. Simpson. Mr. Dirham stated most of these are donations for the Bicentennial celebration and the final one is related to the Building Department fees we pay to the State and we have had more permits issued than we have in the past years and we need additional funds to do so. The roll was called and Ordinance/Resolution No. 166-17 passed by the yea votes of M. Kolesar, B. Lamb, P. Rose, J. Shields, J. Coyne, and B. Hilberg.

Council Comments:

Mr. Kolesar congratulated Chief Kinney and thanked all the veterans.

Mr. Huber also congratulated Chief Kinney.

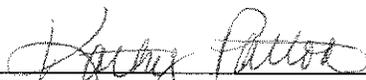
Mr. Lamb stated he met with Larry Obhof to discuss the 35 mile per hour speed limit on Rt. 18. Larry Obhof stated he would look into the issue, and seemed to agree with some of the arguments we have.

Mr. Rose welcomed Chief Kinney and asked if he could work on West Reagan and North Court intersection on getting some better signage/police presence there.

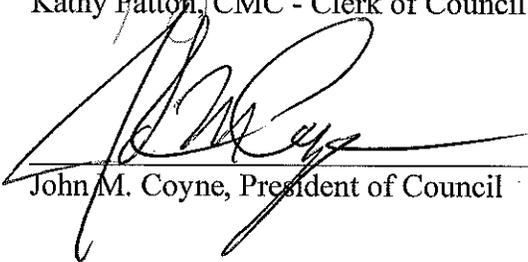
Mr. Shields stated he was very impressed with Edward Kinney's interview during the interview process as he was with the others. He thanked Lt. Birchbickler for the great job he did leading the Police Department up to this point and stated we really have a great Police Department.

Adjournment:

There being no further business before Council, the meeting adjourned at 7:58 p.m.



Kathy Patton, CMC - Clerk of Council



John M. Coyne, President of Council